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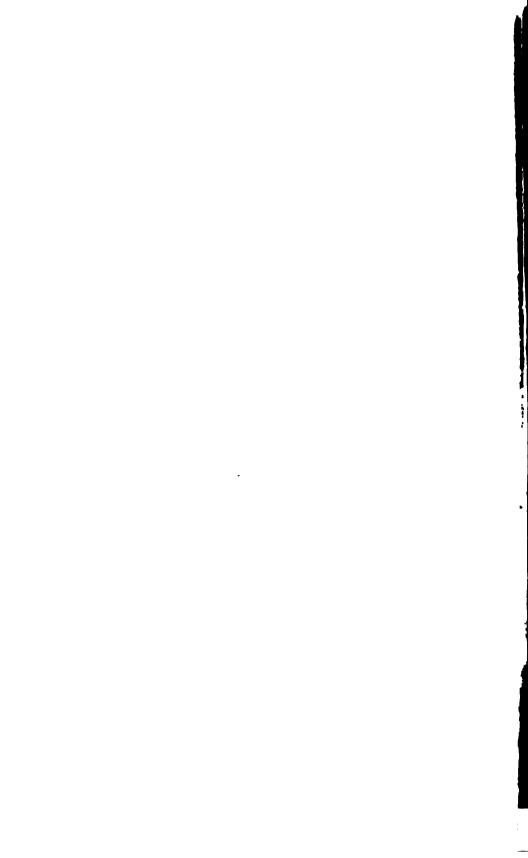
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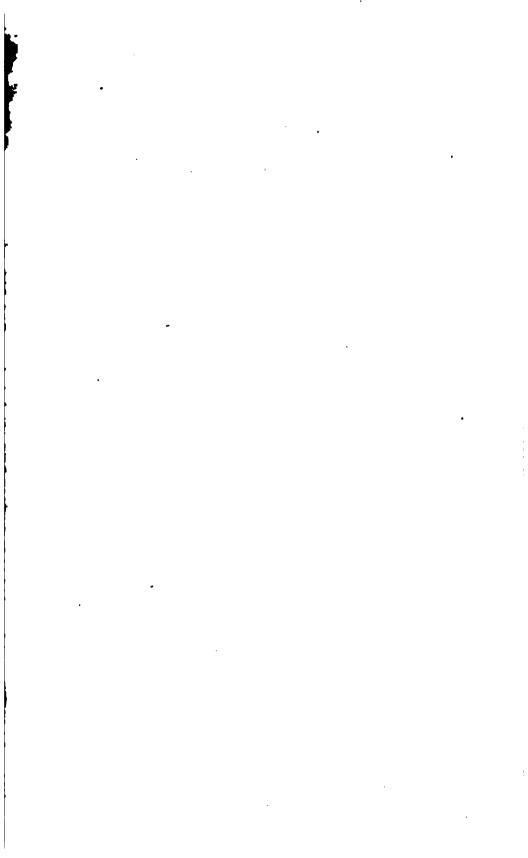
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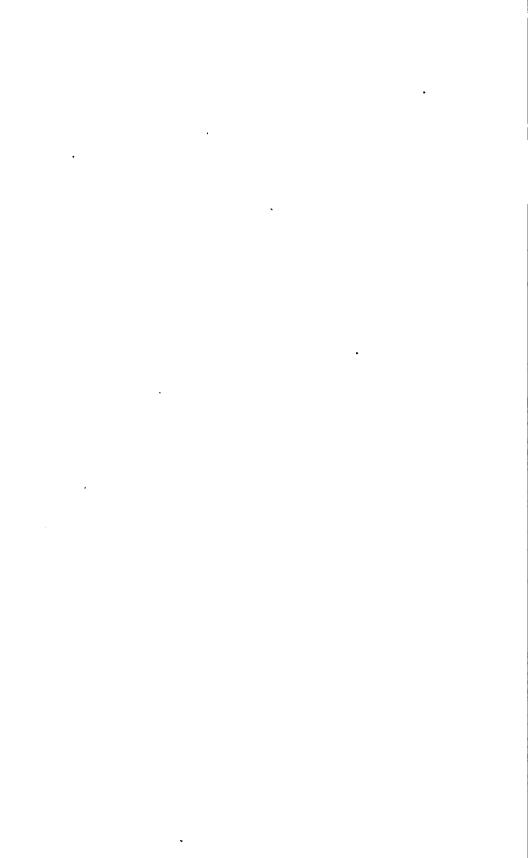


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BURNET WOODS LAKE

### PARK DEPARTMENT

CINCINNATI, O., January 1, 1908.

To the Honorable the Board of Public Service:

Gentlemen — In accordance with the requirements of your honorable board I take pleasure in submitting to you a report of the proceedings in the Park Department for the past year.

Owing to the lack of money in the Park Improvement Fund, the placing in condition of new park property has been greatly delayed. This state of affairs should not exist because of the fact that the cessation of needed improvements and innovations causes the general public to grow apathetic concerning the welfare of the parks of our city.

If there could be provided a fund of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 per annum for the improvement of new and existing park properties, this expenditure could be used along a definitely prepared plan, and our parks would soon become a splendid feature of the city government. With the abovenamed sum of money available each year for some four or five years, adequate shelter-houses could be built in the existing parks, comfort facilities provided, and additional necessary roadways built, as well as the unkept places resurfaced and graded where it has been found to be necessary in both Burnet Woods and Eden Park, especially in a number of the more conspicuous places where it has become an absolute necessity.

Water mains so badly needed along all the driveways in the large parks could also be laid, making it possible to have hose connections at intervals of from one to two hundred feet, thus giving the department an opportunity to keep the lawns thor-

oughly watered, which would add wonderfully to the appearance and to the comfort of those who visit the park for recreation from time to time.

A complete planting of trees and shrubs on the slopes of Eden Park facing the river would answer a double purpose—first, from an economic view, the holding of ground on the rugged places by the intertwining of roots in the soil, thereby preventing entirely the sloughing-off of the steep slope that is continually precipitating into Columbia Avenue; and, secondly, making a greatly enhanced appearance, especially from the river, which alone would amply repay the department for the expenditure.

If the sloughing-off was prevented by the planting of this slope, it would abate one of the most trying annoyances the department has had to contend with during the past number of years in having one damage suit after another every time there is a heavy rain.

The small amount of land lying between present park property and Columbia Avenue prompts me to recommend to your honorable board the acquisition of all the property adjacent to Eden Park and extending to Columbia Avenue. This would bring to an end all litigation of property-holders for damages caused by landslides. With the acquisition of this property and the accomplishing of the above-named embellishment, in conjunction with resurfacing and sodding of various places throughout Eden Park, all of which could be done for a sum not to exceed \$100,000, Cincinnati would have in Eden Park one of the most beautiful parks in this country.

One of the innovations most needed in the Park Department is a municipal nursery. I would recommend to your honorable board that a lease be made of some ten acres of ground suitably located for nursery purposes. At this nursery could be cultivated and grown to plantable size sufficient shrubs and trees to plant from twenty to twenty-five thousand plants each year in the different parks from two to three years after seeds and cuttings were placed in the ground. This method of providing trees and shrubs has been successfully carried out in the cities of Boston, Detroit and Cleveland.

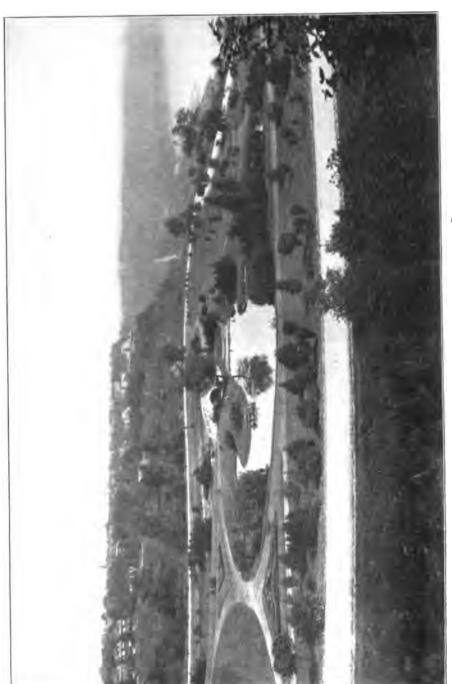
The thousands of trees and shrubs grown by these cities in their own nurseries prompts me to be more persistent in trying to establish a municipal nursery in Cincinnati.

There were planted in the different parks during the past year 6,013 trees and shrubs, and among them there were about twenty new varieties of trees that had not, up to that time, been introduced into our parks. This gives us a total of over one hundred varieties of trees. The total cost of the above-mentioned number of trees and shrubs placed on the track at the Baldwin switch was \$1,387.64. Adding to this seventy-five cents apiece for planting brings the cost of trees and shrubs planted this year up to \$4,507.75, which result shows one of the strongest arguments in favor of a municipal nursery, as the stock we obtained was not of the class we should like to have placed in the parks, but we are compelled to take just what nurserymen see fit to give us.

An experiment was made during the past year in planting Kalmia latifolia in Burnet Woods and Eden Park. This shrub has never proven a success this far north, especially when planted in limestone soil. The results of this planting have been carefully noted, and thus far conditions are very gratifying. As this is the largest planting of Kalmia made in this part of the country, the experiment is watched very closely by horticulturists generally. If the same favorable results shown up to this time continue, we shall feel justified in a much more extensive planting of this evergreen shrub.

Close observation during the past year shows that through the establishment of playgrounds at each of the parks in as far as it is feasible, a great amount of good can be derived, not only from the recreation the children receive there, but from the fact that learning to play games keeps their minds occupied; and from reports I hear, whenever playgrounds are established even on a small scale, the children are much less trouble to the neighborhood. This being a fact, I am prompted to recommend that at least thirty per centum of the money provided for improvements in the parks should go exclusively for children's playgrounds.

As the Park Department continues to grow we find that nurseries are becoming inadequate to supply the demands at



IMPROVEMENT LURAY-AVENUE PORTION FOEN PARK

all times of the year. There are large numbers of splendid varieties of plants that we could place in our greenhouses which would prove very educational, from a botanical standpoint, to the public, and make of the park a much more attractive place for the people to spend leisure moments, or students to become more conversant with the practical side of botany, and this being the case, it will be but a short time when this department will have to build a much more commodious conservatory. Experience prompts me to recommend that this be placed in a much more conspicuous place than the one at Eden Park, as by placing it near a street car line it can be reached by persons wishing to study the plants as well as by those wishing to enjoy the beauty of the blooming flowers and the refreshing display of beautiful green tropical plants.

#### Eden Park

The early part of the year was spent in resurfacing the drives and walks in this park. There was placed about 520 cubic yards of broken stone and 295 cubic yards of screenings on the drives in this park, which were very thoroughly saturated and rolled with a heavy steam-roller, using the most modern methods of resurfacing possible to obtain a smooth and lasting surface.

This was followed up with the application of an oil, soap and water emulsion to allay the dust, which proved highly satisfactory, the application being made at a cost of three-tenths of a cent per square yard.

The emulsion used on the park drives is prepared as follows:

100 gallons Ragland District crude oil,

50 gallons water,

25 pounds soap.

The soap and water are boiled vigorously for thirty minutes, when the oil is turned into the mixture and boiled until the whole has thoroughly coalesced. It is then used as a base, taking 10 per centum (or 50 gallons) of the mixture to 500 gallons of water and applying it to the surface of the road

with an ordinary sprinkling-cart. This application was tested out with an application of crude oil, and the result was greatly in favor of the emulsion. In the first place, the cost of applying crude oil is from five to seven cents per square yard, and the odor is almost unbearable. Furthermore, traffic is delayed in using crude oil at least one to two weeks after application is made, whereas, using an oil, soap and water emulsion, the soap kills the offensive odor, and by leaving the accumulated dust on the road the emulsion is so readily absorbed that traffic is not interfered with.

Comparing the method of sprinkling with water with that of using an oil emulsion, the fact that it requires the time of a man with a sprinkling-cart every day of the summer months to keep the dust laid during the day with water, while it requires but two days to make an application of oil the entire length of the driveways in Eden Park, which will last for at least two months, shows the oil emulsion to be much less expensive, and far more satisfactory as a dust-layer.

There was planted in Eden Park several hundred trees and shrubs during the planting season, all of which have done remarkably well as far as the growth is concerned, but a large number have been wantonly destroyed by either vicious persons or mischievous boys. This feature of destruction, to my mind, will continue as long as the parks are patroled by men who have become superannuated in other walks of life and are able to do nothing but a watchman's duty, where it requires but little work. Any patrol duty that falls upon them finds their strength not equal to the occasion.

The entire surface of Eden Park was sown with a special mixture of grass-seed, the formula of which follows:

5 pounds bluegrass.

5 " redtop,

3 " perennial rye,

1 " white clover.

The grass was kept cut in a neat manner during the summer, and the raking of leaves, trimming of trees, planting of flowers and various other park housekeeping duties were per-





formed in a very workmanlike manner under the able foremanship of Mr. Louis Moller.

The workshop, wagon-sheds and stable, as well as the greenhouses, were all painted in appropriate colors. Some two hundred benches were supplied, most of which were placed near the band-stand.

The music for the concerts at Eden Park, under the Schmidlapp Eden-Park Sunday Concert Fund, was furnished by John C. Weber's Grand Orchestra and Military Band, and the programs rendered were of the very highest class. There were thousands of attentive, music-loving people drawn to the park by these concerts each Sunday during the entire season. No doubt the music was the means of bringing to this beautiful park numbers of people who would never otherwise have an incentive to visit there, being unaware of any attraction other than the music.

It is estimated by persons who frequent Eden Park from time to time that the largest crowd ever assembled in this park for any special occasion was drawn there to hear the vocal concert given under the direction of Prof. Oscar Ehrgott. who furnished a chorus of two hundred voices free of charge to this department, rendering the chorus, "Heavens are Telling," from "The Creation;" the "Hallelujah" chorus from "The Messiah." by Haendel; and "Unfold, Ye Portals." from "The Redemption," by Gounod. It is hoped, since this concert was so much appreciated, as attested by the enthusiasm shown by the large, music-loving audience, that there could be some provision made whereby several vocal concerts could be given each year in the Park Department, preferably at Eden Park or Burnet Woods. Thus far the funds have not been found to carry out this thought, and the hope of further vocal concerts without funds is somewhat remote, because of the fact that quite a sum of money is needed for the orchestration, as well as for the scores used by the chorus. is estimated that to give one of these concerts would cost at least \$200.00. The department is greatly indebted to Professor Ehrgott, as it was due to him that such a concert was possible, and to his untiring efforts that it was a success.

In order that more ruralistic conditions might be provided around the band-stand at Eden Park, the macadam south of the band-stand was removed and a complete planting of trees arranged there instead, which has given a very embellished appearance and provided more useful conditions as well, since the shade-trees have made it possible for the audience to move nearer the band-stand. The removal of the macadam also makes it prohibitive for vehicles to constantly encircle the band-stand, which condition was formerly a source of great annoyance.

Miss Anne S. Hall donated a drinking-fountain which was placed on Gilbert Avenue, near Morris Street. This fountain was erected in commemoration of Miss Hall's mother, Mercy A. Hall, who was greatly devoted to animals, especially to horses, and was conveniently placed that horses coming up Gilbert Avenue with heavy loads might have a chance to get a refreshing drink.

This fountain serves as a means of refreshment for many way-worn pedestrians, who take advantage of the gift to quaff the cooling water. Small animals have also been provided for as well as horses.



### Floricultural Department

Conservatories are a valuable asset to a park department, as is demonstrated by the use made of the Eden Park greenhouses by instructors in botany in the High Schools and in the University of Cincinnati, the teachers frequently bringing their classes there to study the practical side of botany. Professor Benedict has, through the courtesy of this department.

made tests in germinating seeds by different cultural methods, which shows another practical educational use Cincinnati derives from its conservatories.

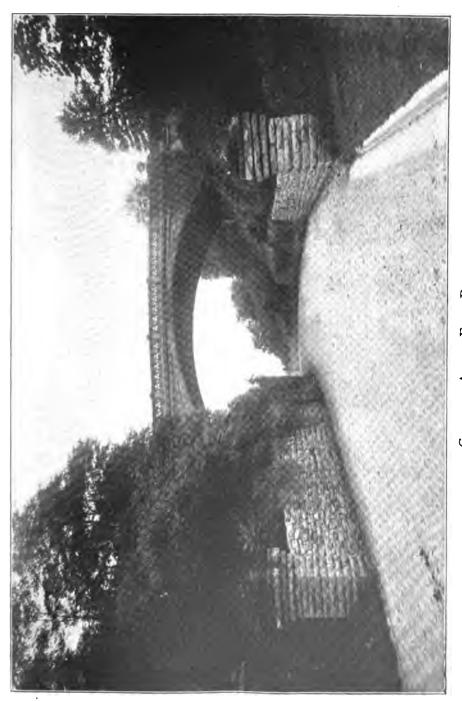
There has been added to the splendid collection of plants here during the past year some 380 palms in variety, and some three dozen ferns, as also some twenty distinct varieties of Croton, which latter purchase gives this department the largest and best collection of Crotons in the country. There was also added twenty varieties of Canna, six of which varieties were found to be the finest flowering and most desirable bedding Canna ever introduced in this city. Twenty-five named varieties of Chrysanthemum were secured in addition to the splendid list that was being grown in the collection at the greenhouse, as well as several plants of Dracæna.

While in Philadelphia an opportunity presented itself to purchase a fine collection of orchids, and seventy-eight specimens of the very best varieties were chosen, placing this department in possession of the finest collection of orchids west of Philadelphia.

The greenhouses at Eden Park are a source of great pleasure to hundreds of persons visiting the city, as well as to the residents. It is estimated that as high as 5,000 people visit the greenhouses on Sundays during the summer months, and there is never a day but hundreds of people go there to visit the beautiful plants, while some make botanical study of specimens, as there are hundreds of varieties to be found at this place.

The class of plants used and the diversified arrangement makes of the formal garden located just south of the greenhouse one of the most attractive formal plantings to be found in this country.

There were grown at the conservatories this year some 200,000 bedding plants, which supplied all of the parks amply. In fact, the carpet bedding and exotic plantings in our downtown parks has grown to be quite a feature of the park work. The public has become accustomed to seeing plants, and the immediate neighborhood requests, and sometimes really demands, that blooming plants be placed in the small parks of the down-town districts.



CONCRETE ARCH—EDEN PARK

After supplying the parks, the department furnished the public schools having room for plants, the fire departments, the workhouse and other city institutions amply with flowers, and as there was still remaining a quantity of plants, the foreman at the greenhouse was instructed to distribute them among the poor families of the city calling for same, that they might embellish their homes and surroundings. This, as a matter of fact, would produce a pleasing and embellished condition for those who could in no other way avail themselves of the pleasure of possessing flowers or plants. Reports received by this office prove that plants thus given away were a source of great happiness, especially to mothers and little children.

One of the new features in the floricultural department was the growing of large quantities of water-lilies. There were placed in the lakes at Eden, Washington and Lincoln parks the newest and best-tested, varieties of Victoria, Nymphæa and Nelumbium, as well as such plants as water hyacinth and parrott's feather—thus giving this department a rare and beautiful collection of aquatics. The Victoria regia at the basin in the greenhouse did much better than usual, blooming constantly from July to late fall. With careful attention this year these aquatics will become one of the striking features of the floricultural department from this time on.

A list of the different varieties of plants, trees, shrubs, etc., purchased during the past year follows:

#### ORCHIDS-

#### Cattleya citrina

- " Trianae
- " Schroederæ
- " speciossima
- " Percivaliana
- " Skinneri
- Skinner
- " labiata
- " Mossiæ
  - Gaskelliana
- " gigos

"

- chrysotoxa
- " Harrisoniæ

#### Lælia anceps

- maialis
- Autumnalis
- elegans
  - Dayana

#### Epidendrum vitellinum majus

nemorale

#### Oncidium Marshallian m

- tigrinum
- crispum
- " ornithorynchum
- " curtum
  - flexuosum
- varicosum Rogersii

#### Odontoglossum Reichenheimii

citrosum

grande

#### Miltonia cuneata

"

- candida
- " Clowesii
- " Morelliana
- " Regnellii

Chysis bractescens

Calantha Veitchii

Lycaste Skinnerii

Cymbidium eburneum

#### Vanda teres

- Kimballiana
- suavis

#### Brassia Lawrenceana longissima Dendrobium densiflorum

#### Cypripedium Dominianum

- - Io grandis " cleola
  - " longifolium
  - cardinale
    - Curtisii
  - Tonso-Charlesworthii

#### FLOWER SEEDS-

Centaurea imperialis, mixed

gymnocarpa

Petunia, single, mixed

double, mixed

#### Vinca alba

" rosea

#### Pansy Tremardean

- " auriculæflora
- ' snowflake
- " Adonis
  - ' Golden Glow
- " Emperor William

#### Calceolaria hybrida grand

' tigrina

#### Primula alba magnifica

- " Cheswick Red
- Rosy Morn
- " obconica fimbriata
- ' Forbesi

#### Cineraria hybrida

choice dwarf

Cyclamen, mixed

#### WATER-LILIES AND PLANTS-

#### Nymphæa alba Gladstoniana

- Marliacea albida
- " Robinsoni
- " tuberosa
  - " rosea
- " Capensis
- " coerulea
- " Deaniana
- " Devoniensis
- " dentata
- " Frank Trealease
- " Geo. Huster
- Sturtevanti
- " William Stone

#### Victoria regia

" Trickeri

Water Hyacinth

Water Poppies

Parrot's Feather

#### PALMS, FERNS AND OTHER GREENHOUSE PLANTS-

Crotons-20 varieties

Festuca glauca

Chrysanthemums-25 varieties

Begonia Rex-20 varieties

Flowering Begonias-20 varieties

Begonias—species from China Carex Japonica variegata. Rosa rondiflora Acacia pubscens Passiflora princeps Ficus pandurata " radicans variagata

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Massangeana

Fittonia

Spherogyne latifolia.

Maranta rosea lineata

- " Sanderi
- " vittati
- " Kimmeriana
- " Governiana

#### Lilium album

- rubrum
- " giganteum

#### Freesia

Canna-11 varieties

Phœnix reclinata

Kentia Belmoreana

Forsteriana

Areca lutescens

Latania Borbonica

Araucaria excelsa

Bactris Major

Cocos

Davalia

Dicksonia antarctica

Nephrolepsis Whitmani

- " Todeaoides
- " amorpohli

#### TREES AND SHRUBS-

#### Acer pseudo-platanus

- " Dasycarpum, var. Wieri laciniatum
- " platanoides
- " var. Schwedlerii
- " var. Michigan Red
- " Negundo
- " Colchicum, var. rubrum
- " saccharinum
  - " Pennsylvanicum

#### Aesculus Hippocastanum

" var. flore pleno

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Aesculus Hippocastanum, var. rubicunda
        flava
Azalea viscosa
Betula alba
            fastigata
            var. laciniata pendula
Cornus florida
          " var. penduia
             var, rubra
       alternifolia
       alba, var. Spæthi aurea
       Siberica
              var. marginalis
       Mascula
              var. variegata
Crateagus oxyacantha, var. alba flore pleno
                     var. rosea flore pleno
          coccinea
          cordata
          Crus-Galli
Deutzia crenata, var. Pride of Rochester
                var. rosea pleno
        Lemoinei
        gracilis
Fagus heterophylla
       sylvatica, var. purpurea
                var. pendula
Larix Europea
Amygdalus communis, var. alba flore pleno
                     var. rosea flore pleno
Amorpha fragrans
Chionanthus Virginica
Clethra alnifolia
Kerria Japonica
         " var. flore pleno
               var. aurea variegata
Dirca palustris
Elæagnus longines
          umbellata
Exochorda grandiflora
Nyssa multiflora
Forsythia Fortunei
          suspensa
Halesia tetraptera
Magnolia acuminata
         Soulangeana
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Morus nigra
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" var. Tatarica pendula

'alba

Pyrus Parkmani

' Ioensis, var. Bechteli

Quercus Phellos

" imbricaria

" fastigiata viridis

alba

" prinus

palustris

" coccinea

Ailanthus glandulosa

Salix Babylonica

" caprea, var. pendula

Cercis Canadensis

Phellodendron amurense

Catalpa speciosa

" Bungei

Hamamelis Virginica

Viburnum opulus, var. sterilis

" plicatum

Lonicera Tartarica

" fragrantissima

Yucca filamentosa

Liquidambar styrachiflua

Fraxinus nigra

" alba

Cypress Taxodium distichum

Picea pungens, var. glauca

" excelsa

Hydrangea paniculata

' ' var. grandiflora

" arborescens graniflora alba

Baby Rambler Rose

Japanese Maples

Kalmia latifolia

Carva olivaeformis

Castanea Americana

Castanca Minericana

Platanus occidentalis

Tilia vulgaris, var. rubra

" Americana

Juglans cinera

" nigra

Diervilla florida candida

" var. nana variegata

Diervilla rosca

" hybrida Eva Rathke

Spirea Van Houttei

- " Anthony Waterer
- ' arguta
- " collosa, var. alba
- " Bumalda

Philadelphus grandiflorus

foliis aureis

coronarius

Tamarix indica

"

"

Symphoricarpos vulgaris

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racemosus

Hibiscus syriacus, var. totus albus

var. pæniflora plena

var. speciosa plena

var. purpurea

Caragana arborescens

Hypericum densiflorum

Sambuscus nigra, var. aurea

Berberis Thunbergii

" vulgaris

var. purpurea

Prunus Pissardi

triloba

Hippophæ Rhamoides

Syringa vulgaris

" var. alba

Ribes floridum

Rhodotypus Kerriodides

Celastrus scandens

Cydonia Japonica

Ilex crenata

Corchorus variegata

Corylus avellana, var. atropurpurea

Kohlreutaria paniculata

Euonymus Americanus obovatus

Ptelia trifoliata

Rhus cotinus

Mahonia aquifolia

Ulmus scabra, var. pendula

Sorbus aucuparia

Thuya occidentalis

Salisburia adiantifolia

Tsuga Canadensis

Juniperus communis, var. Hibernica

Ligistrum vulgare

Woods Scene-Burnet Woods

#### **Burnet Woods**

The winter months were spent in trimming trees and placing the forest in a more primitive condition, as is befitting here. Arrangements have been made to plant walnut and hickory nuts throughout the forest portion of the park. This has been found to be a much surer method of obtaining a consistent planting than moving the above-named varieties of trees from the nursery. Small quantities of wild flowers in variety are also being planted in the wooded portion of the park. This practice should be followed up from year to year until the wild flowers will have all been rehabitated in this particular place, as this is the only available territory within the Park Department that is suitable for carrying out this splendid feature of primitive planting.

The roads were carefully rolled so as to provide a smooth surface, after which an application of our especially prepared oil emulsion was applied. We did not reach the desired results here, however, as funds were not available to place a sufficient application to last throughout the summer season. Nevertheless, the result of the experiment was sufficiently satisfactory (as were experiments mentioned elsewhere in this report) to bear out the claim that this emulsion is the most practical dust-

layer thus far tried out in this part of the country.

The south end of the lake was cleaned out, so that the water is at such greater depth that boating is enjoyed now in that portion of the lake, where previously it was not permissible because of an insufficient depth of water. It will be necessary to take out a great quantity of dirt at this end of the lake, and a concrete wall is also badly needed at the extreme south end as a stay for the dirt and mud that washes into the lake with every hard rain. With funds to accomplish this improvement, an aquatic garden can be established. When this pleasing feature is established in connection with this popular body of water, thousands of people who visit this portion of the park will find additional attraction in viewing the great variety of aquatics which will transform the southern edge of the lake into a veritable bower during the summer months.

The concerts at this park, under the Groesbeck Endowment Fund, are always a source of pleasure to a great many people, and each Saturday afternoon finds thousands in attendance during the season. The music was furnished by Smittie's Famous Military Band and Harp Orchestra during the past year, and the programs rendered were most interesting. These concerts, occurring on Saturday afternoons, are a boon to numbers of people who wish to spend the half-holiday in

the open air under restful and pleasing conditions.



LISTENING TO THE MUSIC—BURNET WOODS

Mowing the grass and cleaning up the driveways made up the greater part of the work. In fact, having but one man to every twelve acres, we were very nearly swamped with work throughout the entire summer. The small buildings and all the benches were painted in this park with our own labor.

During April and May some 1,000 trees and shrubs were planted. This additional planting, however, makes but little showing on 160 acres of ground. There should be 50,000 trees and shrubs established to properly finish the planting of this park. I would recommend that sufficient funds be provided to complete this planting, as the popularity of a park depends on its trees, both as to quantity and character of arrangement or grouping.

The unsightly appearance of the clay banks on Hopson Street, from University Avenue to St. Clair Street, causes more comment than any other unimproved feature of this park. Through a request from Council as to the cost of needed improvements at this point, an estimate was submitted showing the amount of grading necessary, but lack of funds at the city's disposal during the past year precluded the possibility of any money being placed in the hands of this department to park this unsightly embankment.

I must again call the attention of your honorable board to the unsightly condition of the abrupt embankment along Clifton Avenue, caused by excessive cuts in establishing the grade on this avenue. This avenue forms the entire western boundary of the park, and there are two car lines passing over it, carrying thousands of people daily. Therefore, I would recommend that \$50,000 be provided to embellish and place in park condition this slope, as well as the unfinished portion of Burnet Woods above mentioned.

One of the most pleasant features of the skating season at Burnet Woods was the skating contest conducted under the auspices of *The Cincinnati Post*. There were hundreds of people gathered to see the contestants, there being a large number of entries, and altogether it was a very enjoyable occasion.

Could we depend upon the weather for a sufficient depth of ice to justify the arrangement of such contests, it would add wonderfully to the usefulness of the park and to the pleasure of the people in the winter season.

Through the courtesy of this department, during the past year the University grounds were sown with our special mixture of grass-seed and several hundred trees and shrubs planted, all of which added wonderfully to the embellishment of these grounds. In fact, the work done there has shown what



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expenditure of money means to a park, and has prompted me to make a very systematic capitulation of the needs, horticulturally, in the larger parks, in order to show the amount of money necessary to supply trees and shrubs in quantities sufficient to make proper plantings.

This again brings to mind the great good that would be accomplished by the establishment of municipal nurseries.

The Cincinnati Automobile Club gave the orphans and children of the various charitable homes of the city an automobile ride and outing at Burnet Woods, the success of which prompted those who had so generously furnished their automobiles and lent their presence, to establish a precedent with this first Automobile Orphan's Outing, and to mutually agree to perpetuate it as an annual event.

One of the features that added more than any other one thing to the success of the outing while at Burnet Woods, was the band concert donated by Messrs. Busse and Borgmann.

The Automobile Club, in addition to the ride and outing, furnished luncheon for all the children, and Mr. Otto Armleder supplied them bountifully with popcorn and candy. The day was one of happiness and mirth, not only for the children, but for all participating in one of the most worthy and enjoyable events that has ever taken place in the Park Department, and as commendable an undertaking as has ever been planned.

# Hopkins Park

Being situated at the top of Sycamore-street hill, Hopkins Park attracts a great many people from the closely-inhabited districts toward the city, and more complaints in regard to conduct and mischievous acts are received from this park than from any other park in the department. Every effort to get the co-operation of people in the neighborhood has been made, but the only practical plan seems to be the placing of a policeman at the park continually, which, owing to the limited amount of money at the command of the department, has not been possible the year around.

While this park is one of the beauty-spots of the city, still it appeals to me, though the general topography is so very

rough, that one end of the park could be provided with a wading-pool and used for playground purposes. As it is at the present time the children get no benefit of the park, the neighbors objecting very bitterly to their even being allowed on the grass. Therefore this office is trying to work out a plan whereby we can convert at least a portion of this park into a playground, and with the co-operation of your honorable board these features will be carried out during the coming year.

#### Lincoln Park

With the splendid lake to furnish boating during the summer months for thousands of children and young people, and skating to an equal number during the winter months, this feature of the park alone, supplying the above-mentioned divergency of pleasures during the summer and winter seasons, makes of Lincoln Park one of the most utilitarian parks in the down-town district.

There were but a few days this winter that the ice was thick enough to be used for skating, but during that time it was estimated that there were 5,000 people skating daily.

The concrete dock built this summer to replace the old wooden one which had outlived its usefulness, was an improvement much appreciated here.

The children's playground was well patronized. An additional sand box was supplied to accommodate the increased number of little children, and other paraphernalia was installed for the larger ones. The space allotted for ball games is utilized daily from early morning until darkness drives the little fellows to their homes. It is not an unusual thing to see three games of ball on this field when it is scarcely large enough for one.

Trimming trees, sowing grass-seed on the lawns, planting flowers in the beds and general park housekeeping, such as raking leaves, cutting and raking grass, painting benches, etc., made up the routine work, all of which was done in a good, workmanlike manner.

Through the co-operation of the Superintendent of the Workhouse two pair of deer from that institution were transferred to this park. This was done after having all the gates fitted with turnstiles, a feature that worked some inconvenience to people with baby carriages, as we could arrange but two gates for their use. These deer furnished great amusement to the children, who delighted in watching and feeding the animals.

We found, however, that the keeping of such animals was very prohibitive for the reason that a certain class of people took advantage of the fact that they were tame, and would chase them out of the park in order to get a reward for returning them. Therefore, while it added a great deal of interest to the park to have the deer there, the above-mentioned reasons made it unwise to attempt to retain them longer.

According to the reports from the watchman on duty while the park was open all night during July and August, some 5,000 people took advantage of the cooler conditions prevailing there to sleep upon the benches in the park, instead of trying to spend the night in hot tenements. This opportunity to sleep under pleasant conditions was a boon to many persons, and was much appreciated.

The walks in this park are in immediate need of resurfacing. Owing to the excessive use they are subjected to, I would recommend that funds be supplied to resurface them with Kentucky rock asphalt, or some other material equally as good. I make this recommendation because of the fact that gravel walks in parks that are patronized as largely as is Lincoln Park, are very unsatisfactory, especially during winter months or rainy seasons.

A large number of ducks and three pair of swans were purchased by the Lincoln Park Concert Association and presented to the Park Department during the past year, and an additional pair of peafowls added also. They have proven very interesting features, and especially do the children take great interest in feeding them and in watching the swans glide gracefully through the water.

The above-named association assisted me in arranging three band concerts, all of which were attended by from twelve

EARLY FALL-WASHINGTON PARK

to fifteen thousand people. This splendid attendance substantiates the theory that down-town concerts will not only bring more cheerful and helpful moral conditions to the home, but will bring thousands of people to realize that their home park is the place to spend the sultry evenings with their families, instead of gradens that have questionable moral influences.

At this park there was planted some fifty trees and about one hundred shrubs. It will be necessary to plant from two to three hundred trees yearly here until we have a sufficient number to furnish shade, the older trees having deteriorated to such a degree and the replacing having been neglected for so long that there is not more than one-tenth the necessary trees at this time.

There is also extreme need of a recreation field at this park. I would recommend to your honorable board that the property extending south from Lincoln Park to Clark Street be purchased for that purpose. As the buildings amount to very little, the purchase price should therefore be reasonable. This would provide ample recreation grounds for the entire community.

### Washington Park

Washington Park is located in one of the most thickly-populated parts of the city. The beautiful green grass, splendidly studded with beds of blooming plants, and the inviting shade of ornamental shade trees during the summer months, all appeal to the down-town resident as an oasis does to the way-worn traveler. The verification of this is exemplified at this park every day of the year unless the masses are driven out by atmospheric precipitations.

As a matter of consequence, the maintenance of this park is greater than any other down-town park in the city. Twenty-five new trees and shrubs were planted and a special mixture of grass-seed was sown here. Some three-thousand bedding and ornamental plants were also placed in the park during the summer months, which provided a very cheerful aspect for the hundreds of tired mothers who constantly seek fresh air in this place for their infant children, as well as furnish-

ing pleasant scenery for the hundreds of superannuated working men and the vast throngs of transient and unemployed. This park also provides a recreation-place during the evening for innumerable families who spend the day in toil.

While this park meets with all the requirements from an aesthetic and recreative point of view for the adult population, there is no playground provided in the entire district for the small children. The great need of a playground to take the children from the gutters as their wading-pool, and the streets as their playground, prompts me to recommend to your honorable board the acquisition of the property bounded by Washington Park on the south, Elm Street on the west, Fourteenth Street on the north, and Race Street on the east. This will provide ample space for children's playgrounds, shelter and public comfort features within a radius of a mile.

The generous spirit of the Trustees of the Cincinnati Fall Festival Association in providing some \$265.00 more money than was first deposited with the Board of Public Service to defray the expenses of placing in good condition that portion of the park used by them, shows the same splendid patriotic and civic spirit that has prompted them to sacrifice time and money to bring about such enterprises as the Fall Festivals have been.

The walks in this park were resurfaced with Kentucky rock asphalt as far as funds would permit, and it is hoped to finish this work next season. This material makes a splendid park walk, as it is easily applied and finishes up in a smooth, firm surface.



Enjoying the Morning Air—Washington Park

From reports while the parks were kept open during July and August all night long, some 7,305 persons took advantage of the privilege of sleeping in Washington Park, many women and babies passing a portion of the night there, finding great relief from their heated tenement rooms.

#### Garfield Park

The statues of Presidents William Henry Harrison and James A. Garfield located at these squares makes of this park a very attractive place to visitors, especially those who are interested in historical associations, and it is a refreshing resting-place for hundreds of tired, way-worn pedestrians. Being located in the center of the shopping district makes this park very convenient also to persons making purchases in this immediate district. It is a fact that during the summer months this park is patronized as much, if not more, than any park in the downtown area.

The department has made a special feature of the planting of these squares, especially in the arrangement of the tropical plants, and those who are not fortunate enough to have homes and plants of their own may see here some of the rare specimens of the tropical world while resting in the shade of the beautiful trees.

Hundreds of way-worn men, as well as great numbers of the working class found refreshing sleep here while the park was open all night during the past summer, the report of the watchman on duty showing some 2,885 persons to have taken advantage of the privilege afforded them of sleeping at this place during the sultry nights of July and August.

The proximity of this park to the business district prompts me to recommend to your honorable board that there be placed near the Race-street end a public comfort station, as the great number of people passing this point at all times would justify the expenditure.

The removal of the fence around this park would add wonderfully to the embellishment of the place, and I would earnestly recommend that it be removed. The present coping used for the base of the fence would be ample barrier against any



WADING IN BASIN—MCKINLEY PLACE.

debris that may accumulate in the street, and would also prohibit vehicles from getting into the park.

There has been a demand made from time to time by residents to allow the children to occupy one square, but the fact that it is a residential street prompts me to decline the request at this time, though I feel that the suggestion is a good one, as a playground is greatly needed in this vicinity.

## McKinley Place

At all hours of the day and evening there can be seen congregated at this playground hundreds of children playing, as well as mothers with babies enjoying the pleasant shade and green grass of this little breathing-space—the only feature of that kind in this district of the city.

The use to which this park is put, and the great good resulting therefrom to both old and young, points out clearly the necessity and advisability of establishing other playgrounds of this character throughout the densely-populated sections of the city.

During the past summer an automatic drinking fountain was furnished here, which adds greatly to the comfort of those who find so much pleasure in visiting this place. It has proven a great convenience to the children of the neighborhood, who formerly had to go to their homes in the hot weather for drinking water.

In constructing this fountain there was several hundred feet of brass pipe coil placed in the ground in a concrete box, and through the generous spirit of Mr. Daniel Bauer, the councilman, ice was supplied during the summer months, which made it possible for the children to have ice water during the hot weather, for which kindness the Park Department feels greatly indebted to Mr. Bauer.

There were provided a number of benches and an additional sand box at this park, all of which added to the comfort and pleasure of people in the neighborhood. The children were also allowed to use the basin at this park as a wading-pool, and in winter it served for skating purposes. The wading-pool features of playgrounds gives the children more enjoy-

ment than anything else that has been introduced into the parks.

The trees here are now beginning to take on proportions which make them more useful from a point of shade, as well as desirable because of the beauty they add to the park, and they are greatly enjoyed by the older people who find relief there from their heated rooms in the tenement houses. Observation has shown that great numbers of mothers with their children, as well as aged people, are now using the park during the evening hours, and it provided a wonderful source of comfort, especially for those who are compelled to live in the second and third stories of tenements.



#### Auburn Place

Auburn Place, being located in a prominent residential district, lends itself to a treatment afforded no other park in the department. The broad walks are studded with benches, while the lawn is very prettily planted with exotic plants, giving this property a much embellished appearance.

The residents show their appreciation of this beautiful little breathing-space by helping maintain good order and preventing any molestation of the flowers, trees and plants placed there. Could this condition be emulated by other parks of the city, it would prove highly satisfactory to this department.

#### Owls'-Nest Park

Owls'-Nest Park is beautifully located on the Madison Road. It became the property of the city through the desire of Messrs. Charles E. and Edward C. Perkins to perpetuate the memory of their parents, whose home was located there for years. The property was dedicated strictly to playground purposes.

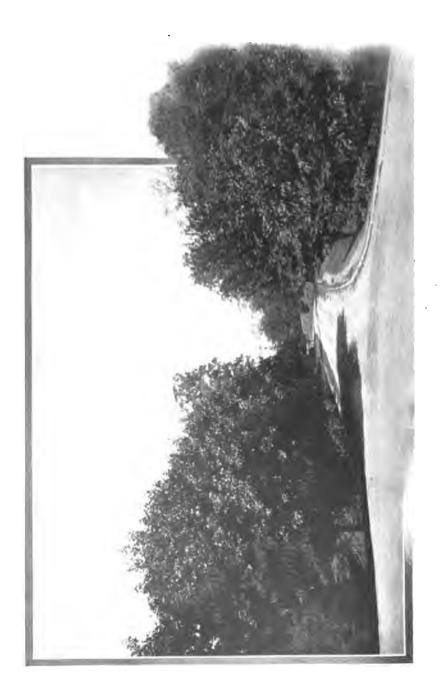
The natural topography lends itself admirably to gymnasium features, a large portion of the ground being splendidly adapted for an amphitheater. Could the Park Department acquire additional ground at the lower end of this property some two hundred feet wide, there could be established a gymnasium field that would be isolated from any improved property, and far enough away from the principal thoroughfares to avoid the noise that usually emanates from ball grounds and recreation fields. This being accomplished, Owls'-Nest Park would provide ball fields, tennis courts and children's playgrounds for that entire section of the city.

There will soon be placed in this park a number of lights, that it may be used by the general public more safely during the evening hours. There was also more benches placed there during the summer.

This being one of the most valuable gifts that the Park Department has received, and the location of this property being such that improvements will justify the expenditure, I would recommend that your honorable board have sufficient funds placed at the disposal of this department to make such permanent improvements as will enable the people to more fully enjoy the park.

#### East-End Park

Being a very level piece of ground, there has been no effort made to plant or park this property, because of the fact that it has proven very useful as a baseball ground. There is hardly a day during the summer season but what there are from one to three games played on these grounds. In fact it is the most popular baseball ground in the East End.



Another reason for not improving it permanently is that when the water is above forty-five feet the grounds are flooded. Stationary benches that were placed there during the past year were all washed away by the high water during the early spring.

Experience has proven that the most useful way in which the ground can be used is to continue it as a baseball field.

There was placed along Eastern Avenue the entire length of the park a ten-foot artificial stone sidewalk, which makes it much more pleasant for the great number of people who walk to and from their work along Eastern Avenue daily, and provides a splendid permanent improvement in the Park Department, also.

There has been no caretaker placed in charge of this park, as the boys have been willing to keep it in condition provided they are allowed to use it for playing baseball, football, and other athletic games, all of which this department has assisted in establishing.

## Burying-Ground at Hyde Park

This property came into the possession of the city through annexation, and this department has endeavored to keep the grass mowed and the weeds cleared away during the summer months, which is all that can be done here until definite action is taken in regard to dedicating it to park purposes.

I would recommend that an additional strip of property adjoining the cemetery and extending to Stettinius Avenue be purchased, that there may be sufficient acreage to make a park of some size, as that part of the city is building up rapidly, and the site will be a useful one for a park.

# Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park

This piece of property is so prominently located that the attention of thousands of people are called to its embellished condition.

The fact of this property being of such small dimensions that it is of little use to the neighborhood prompts me to recommend that if the property adjacent could be acquired for

a reasonable sum of money, that there be an additional two or three hundred feet added to this small triangle, that it may be increased to a size sufficient to justify more extensive improvements.

#### Vine and Hollister Park

The floral display at this park is its greatest feature, such plants and flowers as Ageratum, Alternanthera, Echeveria, Coleus and Canna being arranged in bedding effects, which furnishes diversion to the thousands of people passing by on the street cars each day, as well as delights the eyes of those living in that immediate neighborhood who can visit the park to enjoy the fresh air and green grass. The park has been kept in good condition, the hedges being trimmed and benches placed conveniently.

Miss Cecelia Ritter presented to the Park Department a fountain which she desired placed at this park. It has been located on the Hollister-street side of the park, where can be seen daily a great number of horses, as well as people, drinking, a fact which bears out the theory that drinking fountains are a very useful and necessary feature in the Park Department.

#### Wilson Common

Up to this time there has been very little done in the way of embellishing Wilson Common. In fact, it has simply lain as a barren waste. There is provision made in next year's appropriation whereby a man can be employed to keep this ground in good park condition. There will have to be some fences built for the safety of the children. The house and barn on the place will also have to be removed, after which, by some grading, quite a level plot of ground can be provided for recreation purposes.

The splendid undulating condition of this ground, and the beautiful view that is obtained, makes it a very desirable place to the persons living in close proximity to spend the afternoon and evening. A panorama view of the city can be



LYTLE PARK VISITORS.

secured here equaling any from other hilltops around Cincinnati.

As this ground is a gift from Mrs. Mehitable Coppenhagen Wilson to the city, would therefore recommend an expenditure of some \$2,000 to place a playground at the summit of the hill, which would bring about more fully the intended use of the property.

## Lytle Park

Lytle Park has been finished after a long, tedious effort. The attitude of the residents on Fourth Street was one of opposition to having the entire property used as a playground, therefore a plan was decided upon to park the Fourth-street side, and use the Third-street end of the park for playground purposes, this park plan working out admirably. Walks were constructed of concrete to a width of sixteen feet, providing splendid space for roller-skating for the children of this thickly settled district.

Some 1,540 shrubs and 53 trees were used in the planting plan for Lytle Park, and when the lawn was sodded this planting made the park very attractive, especially so when some 500 exotics and 200 tropical plants were planted and grouped about the grounds during the summer months.

This park was in readiness for a formal opening on June 6, 1907, which occasion was made a gala event in park history, as this was the first park in this city to be thoroughly equipped with up-to-date playground apparatus.

The Special Park Commission took charge of the arrangements on this occasion, and secured the services of the Times-Star Band to dispense music. Members of the Business Men's Club, Women's Club, Associated Organizations, the Special-Park Commission, the Board of Public Service, members of Council, and a great many other well-known men interested in playground work were present. Speeches were made by Councilman Michael Mullen, whose untiring efforts brought about the acquisition of this property for park purposes; Mayor Dempsey; Edw. E. Shipley, president of the Busi-

ness Men's Club; Miss Belle Whitaker; President Bender of the Board of Public Service, and others.

The playground was fitted up with swings and teetertotters, which were immediately taken possession of by the children. That portion of the park used as a playground will be equipped by early spring of next year with swings, teeterladders, traveling rings, and other useful and practical paraphernalia, which will be appreciated by the hundreds of children that frequent this splendid rendezvous of happiness.

Baseball, played with the regulation indoor baseball, is an innovation which will, no doubt, prove a great success at this park. This game, and basket ball, are the only games that can be fully enjoyed on this small playground.

A careful study from week to week has shown the fact that children will take the best of care of playgrounds turned over to them, and it has been the experience everywhere that nothing has been missing after a day's play, the children themselves helping to care for balls and bats, that they may not be lost.

Aside from the noise of the over-zealous children the first few weeks after opening a playground to the public, there are no distasteful features, and this condition is annoying only to the immediate neighborhood. After the newness of the playground has worn off and a director of play, who should be a person thoroughly conversant with play and games, has the children interested in playground games, all of the objectionable noise subsides, and the feeling of annoyance turns into interest and admiration.

Mr. John R. McLean has now under construction a very fine bronze fountain, to cost a sum exceeding \$10,000, which will be placed at the Fourth and Lawrence-streets corner of Lytle Park. This location marks the site of his father's home, and incidentally, the place of his birth. Mr. McLean is erecting this fountain in commemoration of his parents. He has also signified his willingness to furnish ice for a cooler to be attached to the fountain. This department has ordered a plan drawn whereby a coil with sufficient pipe will be inserted in a concrete ice box under the ground of a size sufficient to supply large quantities of ice water for this fountain.

### Tyler Davidson Fountain

Thousands of visitors are attracted to the Tyler-Davidson Fountain because of its fame as a beautiful work of art. The steps that encircle the esplanade invite passing strangers to a few moments' rest within sight of the cool, sparkling spray of the fountain, and often persons eat their lunches there, all of which makes it a difficult matter to maintain the esplanade in a neat condition, as paper and debris are constantly being cast about.

The trees about the esplanade were given every attention, and the tropical plants arranged in the circles at each end of the square add wonderfully to the appearance of this central section of the city, where there is so little refreshing green of grass or trees, or bright color of blooming plants.

After bringing vividly to the attention of Council the fact that we were behind all other cities in the park playground and public comfort features, through the earnest efforts of Mr. Robert J. O'Brien, of Council, the department was able to secure a bond issue of \$25,000 for the purpose of erecting Public Comfort Stations at the Esplanade. Excavation has been begun, and from the energy with which the contractor is going ahead with the work it looks as though by early spring there will be established at this place the first public comfort station that has been erected this far West. While thus emulating the Oriental cities, as well as the Eastern cities of this country, it is one step further in the right direction toward providing facilities and comforts for the city's masses.

This feature of park work, next to the ball ground and wading-pool features, adds more to the healthfulness and convenience of the masses than any other work that has thus far been done through the Park Department.

#### New Work

Because of the inability of the Park Department to secure funds for the construction of the newly-acquired park property, the work has lain practically dormant during the past year, but the splendid park spirit that has been manifest in the last few months makes us feel as though the coming year will be a record-breaker in the development of new park property, as well as in the acquisition of additional properties.

HUNT-STREET ATHLETIC GROUND—This property has been filled in as far as it is expedient to go until such excavation at the upper portion of the park as is necessary, is made, which work has been delayed because of the lack of funds.

I would again respectfully call the attention of your honorable board to the need of necessary funds to complete this splendid piece of park property, as the entire western boundary is traversed by several of the most-used car lines in the city, which condition will advertise our park work when finished, as no other piece of property that we have acquired up to this time would do.

A most complete plan has been devised by Mr. Geo. E. Kessler for this park, combining therein the most useful playground features possible, which when carried out, will provide one of the largest athletic and gymnasium fields that has been acquired by the Park Department up to this time.

Another incentive towards having this work pushed to completion at an early date is the fact that Mrs. Charles Fleischmann has placed at the disposal of the Park Department the sum of \$500.00 towards the equipment of a playground, or such other sum as is found necessary to secure proper apparatus.

The portion of ground that has been finished to an established grade was utilized in playing baseball during the latter part of the summer. Extensive recreation grounds are needed for ball, tennis, and children's play facilities in this thickly-populated district, as the rough topography of this immediate neighborhood forbids such sports and amusements, and as above stated, splendid street car facilities here will place conditions where this park can be used as a general, as well as a local, recreation field.

Therefore, I would urge the most earnest favor of your honorable board towards providing funds that this ground may be placed in a condition whereby it can be put to the best possible use by the public at the earliest possible date.



SPECIMEN NORWAY MAPLE—BURNET WOODS

<u>Calhoun-Street Extension of Burnet Woods</u>—The contract for grading the Calhoun-street end of Burnet Woods has been completed in so far as the rougher work is concerned.

There has been a plan prepared in the office whereby a much greater use can be made of this property by beginning at the curb and making a gradual slope northwardly to the ravine, using the material that is taken from the Calhounstreet addition to fill the above-named ravine, thus bringing about a splendid landscape effect and making of this property a very useful part of Burnet Woods. The roadway it is proposed to build here will make a very convenient city entrance to Burnet Woods, encircling the slopes south and east of the University buildings, thereby giving the public a greater use of that portion of Burnet Woods, especially for driving purposes.

This plan, however, will necessitate the acquisition of two additional pieces of property just east of the present boundary of Calhoun-street extension, and I would recommend to your honorable board that steps be taken towards acquiring this immediately.

<u>Ludlow-Avenue Triangle</u>—This property has just recently been acquired, and at the earliest possible date arrangements will be started looking towards the removal of the buildings.

The corner acquired by this Ludlow-avenue purchase, being in close proximity to Clifton, would be an admirable place for an entrance. A very elaborate entrance could be built at this place and extended up through the ravine, connecting up with the main driveway near the band-stand. This would make one of the prettiest drives in Burnet Woods, and no doubt the most popular, as it would give an opportunity to persons driving from Clifton to the city to traverse the entire length of Burnet Woods by way of park drives.

The grading, sodding and planting done here will all be in conformity with the forest conditions prevailing in Burnet Woods.

LIBRARY PLACE—After much effort the ten-acre tract of land known as the "Hubbard Tract," extending from Warsaw

Avenue to Price Avenue, and from Purcell to Considine, was acquired for park purposes, and for library and patrol-house sites, respectively. The patrol and library buildings will cover an area of some two acres, and are to be so placed that the entire ground can be utilized to the best advantage for park purposes.

The west end of this park will be used as an athletic field, while the east side will be set aside as a children's play-ground. The upper plateau adjacent to the library proper will be arranged for tennis and other games of a similar character. As a whole, this park will be one of the most utilitarian properties thus far acquired by the city.

These grounds having been planted as a private estate, will need but little additional planting. The placing in condition of the various athletic fields and the sodding of portions which will have to be parked, together with the building of necessary walks and a roadway, will constitute all additional embellishment.

BARR-STREET PARK—Council has but recently acquired the property bounded by Kenyon Avenue, Barr, Mound and Cutter streets. This property is located in a very congested district, and though it is rather small to meet all the requirements of a well-equipped playground and recreation field, I would suggest that as soon as the buildings are torn down that the property be converted into a recreation field and playground, leaving possibly the extreme east end that it might be embellished and used for a place of rest and recreation for the older people of the neighborhood.

In compiling this report it has been my endeavor to avoid details as much as possible, that it might be more brief. Were I to dwell upon all the important features that have come to my attention during the past year, the report would become very tiresome.

The area, time of acquisition, and approximate cost of land of all the parks in this department is listed herein. There is also a detailed valuation and area of park property, with a comparison of the population with twenty of the largest cities of the United States.

In compiling the above data comparisons are shown which are helpful to a great number of people, as well as a saving of time for our department, as numerous requests come to the office for just such information. This can be answered by mailing a copy of the present report to persons wishing the information.

It has been deemed advisable, because of the fact of the proposed new park plan having met with the approval of so many people, to have a map of the same placed in each copy of our report, which will, no doubt, be a source of splendid information to a great number of people who receive copies of the report annually.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. RODGERS,
Superintendent of Parks.



WATER-TOWER AND CLIFF FROM LURAY-AVENUE IMPROVEMENT

# CINCINNATI PARKS

# As Compared with those of other Leading Cities

CITY	Population 1900		Value of Property—190
New York City	3,437,202	6.863.2	\$285,141,700 00
Boston, Mass	560,892	2,912.0	50,017,975 00
Philadelphia, Pa	1,293,697	4,137.3	30,868,000 00
Buffalo, N. Y	352,387	1,049.0	6,289,780 00
Cleveland, Ohio	381,768	1.523.3	19,622,479 00
Indianapolis, Ind	169,164	1.317.0	830,600 00
Louisville, Ky	204,731	1,350.0	1.250,000 00
St. Louis, Mo	575.238	2.198.4	10,729,850 00
Baltimore, Md	509,957	8.433.9	2.578.527 00
Hartford, Conn	79,850	1.185.3	504,969 00
New Bedford, Mass	62,442	192.0	200,541 00
Detroit, Mich.	285,704	1.253.7	8.894.894.00
Albany, N. Y		324.4	1,270,446 00
Rochester, N. Y.	162,608	727.8	1,710,637 00
Milwaukee, Wis	102,000	533.8	
Minneapolie Minn	285,815		2,977,000 00
Minneapolis, Minn	202,718	1,813.2	4,676,857 00
Chicago, Ill	1,698,575	2,468.0	32,868,784 00
Kansas City, Mo	168,752	2,050.0	4,010,000 00
Toledo, Ohio	131,822	987.0	1,162,250 00
Cincinnati, Ohio (1907)	400,000	474.347	7,000,000 00

# AREA, DATE OF ACQUISITION, AND COST

# Of Property comprising Parks of Cincinnati on December 31, 1907

	Cost of Land	Acreage
EDEN PARK.  Land leased from Dec. 1, 1865 to Jan. 1, 1869		214.25
Total cost of Eden Park property  BURNET WOODS		163.50
HOPKINS PARK		1.00
LINCOLN PARK	•	10.00
Carried forward		899.75

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	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	2,441,283 49	388.73
Pesthouse being also located thereon, for about twenty years. Steps were first taken to convert it into a park in June, 1858.		
WASHINGTON PARK	188,050 00	5,60
GARFIELD PARK.  This land was given to the city on Apr. 9, 1817, by John H. Platt and Benjamin M. Platt, to be used as a market-space. It was protected by an ordinance passed by Council, and used as a park as early as Apr. 6, 1848, and on June 19, 1808, it was dedicated formally to park use.		1.00
Total cost and acreage of old park property	<b>\$2,579,33</b> 3 49	395.35
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	1,980 27	0.16
VINE AND HOLLISTER PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	14,429 82	2.50
EAST-END PARK	36,555 42	7. <b>5</b> 0
AUBURN PLACE	21,555 15	0.8
McKINLEY PLACE Land purchased in 1994 and 1905	50,694 <b>39</b>	1.21
CALHOUN-STREET EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS.  Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1907	7 <b>2,6</b> 26 <b>5</b> 6	1.50
LYTLE PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905	242,898 31	1.36
OWLS'-NEST PARK  Gift of Chas. E. Perkins and Edw. C. Perkins, in memory of their father, James Handasyd Perkins, and their mother, Sarah Elliott Perkins. Accepted by the city on July 31, 1906. Paid for taxes, etc	382 88	5,8
WILSON COMMON	174 55	9 <b>.39</b> 5
HUNT STREET ATHLETIC GROUNDSLand purchased in 1905 and 1906	247,793 13	12.8
BURYING-GROUND IN HYDE PARK		2.75
INWOOD PARK	103,346 28	19.492
GILBERT AVENUE AND ELSINORE CORNER	12,324 90	0.2
BARR, KENYON, MOUND AND CUTTER STREETS PARK Examination of title in 1907	520 00	2.33
LUDI.OW-AVENUE TRIANGLE	81,784 06	2.20
HUBBARD TRACT PROPERTYLand purchased in 1907	17,393 62	10.00
Total cost and acreage of new park property	\$909,859 29	78.997
Total cost and acreage of all park property on Dec. 31, 1907.	83,488,692 78	474.847

# PARK DEPARTMENT

#### RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1907	• • • • • • • • • • • •	3,333 91
Received appropriations from Council as follows:		
Ordinary:		
4 X 1. Superintendent 2,500 00		
4 X 2. Officers and clerks		
4 X 3. Furniture and fixtures		
4 X 5. Incidentals 4,658 70		
4 X 6. Laborers 33,033 59		
4 X 7. Fuel and light 1,717 00		
4 X 8. Materials 10,086 23		
4 X 10. Park policemen	62,626 93	
Extraordinary:	•	
4 X 24. Interest and Sinking Fund	1,840 00	
Total appropriation	• • • • • • • • • •	64,466 93
Received from Cincinnati Fall Festival Association, to defray expenses of putting Washington Park in good condition	265 79	
Received from The John Robinson Circus Co., for rent of Hunt-street Park for circus purposes		
Received from Ph. Morton, rent of signboards	. 325 00	
Received from sale of wood, old harness, fence, old iron, brick, etc.		
Received from rents of houses located on park property	. 426 50	
Received from refreshment and boating privileges	. 195 50	1,427 75
Total Receipts		\$69,228 59
EXPENDITURES		
Payrolis:		
Eden Park	91 QGA 55	
Burnet Woods		
Lincoln Park	,	
Washington Park	,	
liopkins Park		
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Hopkins Park	. 598 45 . 609 57	
Hopkins Park	. 598 45 . 609 57 . 600 00	
Hopkins Park	. 598 45 . 609 57 . 600 00 . 1,816 57	
Hopkins Park. Auburn Place. Vine and Hollister Park. Owl's-Nest Park. McKinley Place. Office Lytle Park.	. 598 45 . 609 57 . 600 00 . 1,316 57 . 3,519 50 . 686 31	
Hopkins Park	. 598 45 609 57 . 600 00 . 1,316 57 . 3,519 50 . 686 31 . 1,397 00	

Bricklayer's services.....

Amount brought forward...... 45,965 00

270 87

88 85 6 00

Maintenance, Supplies, etc.:

fricklayer's services		00
Brooms, brushes, etc	. 21	75
Buggy repairs		6)
lash paid (sundry small bills)	. 33	93
'atch-basin grates and frames		00
latching deer		00
'ement walks, bases for statuary, etc		08
hairs, coke brieze, etc		20
Clock-rental		00
Concerts-Eden Park		00
Convention expenses		
Crushing and breaking stone		
Disinfectant		
Orain-pipe		48
Dump-wagon and water-trough		
Electrical work		
Engineer's services		
Feed		
Feed-boxes		00
Fertilizers		50
Fitting up workshop	. 25	
Filing-case, framing pictures, etc	. 85	
Flower-pots, labels, peat, sphagnum, etc	. •128	
Freight charges, car service, etc	. 51	00
Fuel	. 798	29
Fold fish	. 81	00
Hardware, tools, supplies, etc		78
Harness, repairs, covers, whips, grooming machine, etc	. 254	75
Horses	. 440	00
Horse-keep, incline tickets, etc	. 8.8	76
Horse-medicine and veterinary services	. 54	40
Horse-bedding and shoeing	. 407	22
Jose and couplings	. 88	
ce	. 23	
Ce	. 27	00
nsecticide		
nsurance		
interest and sinking fund	. 1,010	68
ron door and frames	. 10	
Kentucky rock asphalt, rent of roller, etc	. 415	
Light (gas and electric, and care of lamps)	. 901	
Limestone screenings, etc	. 578	
Lumber	. 241	
Office supplies, printing, etc	. 126	
Oil_headlight.cylinder.etc	. 21	74
Paints, glass, oil, putty, etc	. 179	
Painting, whitewashing ceiling, etc	. 024	50
Park benches	. 851	00
Pagfowlg	. 5	00
Plants, trees, shrubs, seeds, bulbs, etc	. 2,415	05
Plumbing repairs	. 526	
Postage, bond premiums, photographs, etc	. 171	07
Postage, bond premiums, photographs, etc	. FA	00
Programs, tandark, music-stands, etc	. 5	45
Jamoima of Librov. A Vonio Laikem		57 \$45,965

Amount brought forward	15 500	57	45 065	00
Annount brought forward	10,000	٠.	10,000	00
Rent at Wilson Common	15	10		
Roofs, repairs, etc	355	00		
Sand, cement, gravel, etc	197	63		
Sod, soil, etc	662			
Sponges, soap, rubber boots, etc	86			
Soap and asphaltum oil for roads	200			
Sprinkling	70			
Steam-roller repairs, packing, etc	12			
Steam fitting, etc	698			
Telephones and patrol-boxes				
Toweling, tollet-paper, twine, umbrella, etc	26			
Turnstiles (lumber and hardware)	53			
Typewriters (rental, etc.)	162	86		
Vault cleaning	10	00		
Wire netting	14	31		
•	18,852	20		
Less difference with City Auditor		01		
•		_	19,852	
Total Expenditures			64,817	19
Balance on hand December 31, 1907				
			69,228	59

# COST OF MAINTAINING EACH PARK IN 1907

### EDEN PARK:

Payrolls		91 06	n 55
Walnut Hills Coal and Mining Co., fuel	88 8		~ ~
Castner, Curran & Bullitt. fuel	534		
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	6 :	-	
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., fuel	135 1	90	0 29
W. W. Dodge, labels	23 (	<b>)</b> ()	
Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Co., flower pots	47	13	
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., fumigators, moss, labels, etc.	11	54	
Lager & Hurrell, orchid peat and sphagnum	42		
Louis Schaefer, wagon and blacksmith repairs	171 :		3 32
Beck & Welling, wagon and blacksmith repairs	12 :	10	
<b>'•</b>			3 25
E. A. Conkling Co., horse-bedding	2 :		
C. Crane & Co., lorse-bedding	4 :		
A. Blymyer, horse-bedding	12 (		9 75
E. K. Morris & Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc	93		. 7 10
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc	378		
Kl'L Company, hardware, tools, supplies, etc		90 90	
Hough Patent Hoe Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc			
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc	9 (	JAU 25	
a. M. Mecanough & Sons Co., naraware, tools, supplies, etc.			2 46
Henry linbus, roofs, gutter linings, repairs, etc			2 00
Oscar Gerard, electrical work			6 79
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	27		
Barron. Boyle & Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	15		
Ira D. Washburn Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	41	03	
The John Kolbe Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	27	52	
The Wm. Glenny Co., paints, glass, putty, oil, etc	42	B1	
	T		3 94
The Moores-Coney Co., sand and cement	9		
Smith Sand Co., sand and gravel	24		3 52
E. Van Briggle, painting and whitewashing	27	50	
W. E. Tennison, painting greenhouses	375	00	
J. D. Engelbert, painting band-stands, etc	222	00	
			4 50
Swift Cornice Co., putting up stoves		2	2 22
Bollman-Wilson Foundry Co., iron door and frames			15 68
Cin. and Sub. Bell Telephone Co., telephone and patrol-bo			16 68
Martin J. Riley, horseshoeing			8 53
H. J. Conklin, drain-pipe			4 43
Union Gas and Electric Co., light			.0 <b>0</b> 6
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant			H 10
Edw. J. Hanley, plumbing repairs	101		
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs	2		
Chas. M. Weber, plumbing repairs	128		
•			11 39
Amount carried forward	. <b></b>	\$25,49	<b>38 06</b>

Amount brought forward	<i>:</i>		<b>25,4</b> 83	06
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., insecticide		00		
•			27	(4)
The J. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber, etc		75		
R. G. Ward & Co., lumber, etc		00		
J. B. Doppes Sons Lumber Co., lumber, etc		97		
A. M. Lewin, lumber, etc		31	155	03
German-Russell Co, steam fitting, etc			698	
German-American Insurance Co., Insurance	8	90		
Hartford Fire Insurance Co., insurance	8	90		
Phoenix Fire Insurance Co., insurance		<b>9</b> 0		
St. Paul Fire Insurance Co., insurance		90	25	60
D. Rusconi, bulbs		02	30	- 00
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., flower and grass-seed	70			
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed	130			
Henry A. Dreer, plants	320	77		
H. Haerlin, Jr., water lilles	28	65		
Barnes Nurseries, trees and shrubs	212			
The E. G. Hill Co., hydrangeas and chrysanthemums		5)		
Robt. White, trees	. 40			
Robt. Craig Co., plants	32			
Lager & Hurrell, orchids	200 39			
Vaughan's Seed Store, cannas	27			
W. A. Manda, pauts			1,242	11
Geo. S. Bartlett, bone meal	8	50	•	
Gebhart Ritzi, manure	5	00		
Louis Moormefer, manure	. 2	00		
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., fertilizers	7	50		
		-	18	00
Frank Egner, brooms		00		
P. DeRoo, brooms		<i>5</i> 0		
Dismonthal's Dharmour house medicine			11	50
Blumenthal's l'harmacy, horse medicine	24 15			
John Daney, noise medicine	10	u)	39	40
Dustin & Bell, horses			440	
Perkins-Campbell Co., harness, repairs, whips, etc		50	•••	••
G. S. Ellis & Son, harness, repairs, whips, clipping ma-	~~			
chine, etc	90			
Brockman Harness Co., harness, repairs, whips, etc	39	80		
I II McCommon Duor footbores		_	143	
L. H. McCammon Bros., feed-boxes			18	00
Jos. Heuermann, feed	160 153			
Union Grain & Hay Co., feed.	52			
52102 67412 & 221, Conf. 200			365	80
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services			64	
P. S. Gilroy, sod, soil, etc	125			
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod, soil, etc	156	20		
			281	
F. Dhonau & Sons Co., dump-wagon			135	
The German-Russell Co., water-trough			25	
The Rudolph Wurlitzer Co., music-stands			27	
The Alfred Vogeler Drug Co., sponges		٠	4	50
Amount carried forward	• • • • • •	\$:	9,214	65

Amount brou	ght forward	29,214 6
	Co., repairs to steam-roller 4 50	
	ell Co., repairs to steam-roller 2 30	
	el, repairs to steam-roller \$ 10	
Cincinnati Mill ar	id Mine Supply Co., packing, etc 2 58	12 8
John P. DoComp		7 5
	rent of chairs	3 0
	anbarkbeadlight oil 5 98	•
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	il Co., oil	
The Peale Paint s	ind Glass Co., oil	18 0
Standard Oil Co.	oil for roads	
	o., sonp for roads 57 78	
The Globe Bong C		200 8
M. Biermann, drii	nking cups	17 5
The Schaefer Rub	ber Co., rubber boots	28 4
	Co., crash	7 9
	rew Co., tollet-paper 6 30	
	et-paper 6 00	
		12 3
Collins & Bruggen	nann Co., framing pictures, etc	3 4
J. A. Trautman &	Co., fitting up workshop	25 0
Hillsboro Stone Co	o., crushed stone	
Patrick Gleason, c	rushed stone	
Louis Hines, crus	hed stone 101 04	
,		578 9
United States Exp	ress ('o., express charges 8 34	
Adams Express Co	., express charges 4 53	
P. C. C. & St. L.	Ry. Co., freight charges 27 35	
	<del>-</del> - <del>-</del>	40 2
	r, repairs at lake	5 4
		26
	concerts	1,000 0
	ro., crushing stone 174 00	•
Fred. Heindrick, b	oreaking stone	
Tillian Cabula & C	No. 200 21	181 00
	Co., cemeut walks	
	indry Co., catch-basins, grates, etc 26 00	
	o., concrete bases for statuary	
Mt. Adams ice and	1 Fuel Co., ice	379 9
	-	0.00
Total Cost of Mai	ntaining Eden Park in 1907	31,734 39
	=	
URNET WOODS:		
Payrolls		7,818 6
Early & Daniel, b	orse-bedding 12 50	
E. A. Conkling Co.	, horse-bedding 2 00	
C. Crane & Co., ho	rse-bedding 2 25	
		16 75
	s, repairs, etc	
	Co., harness, repairs, etc	
G. S. Eilis & Son,	harness, repairs, etc 5 60	76 10
T W Sninks over	rel for dock	18 75
	glass	2 86
	rseshoeing	2 80 69
	ectric Co., light and globes	38 17
	plumbing repairs	199 85

Amount brought forward			
Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel		•••	9 75 63
Gustave Adrian, manure	158	13	5 161
The John J. Bruce Foundry Co., grates and frames		<del></del>	58
Norfolk & Western Railway Co., car service			4
H. Belmer & Co., wire netting		••	9
Lawrence Beuche, brickinyer			6 <b>3</b> 7
John Finn, wagon repairs, etc			65
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant			15
International Harvester Co., mowing-machine repairs			5
Chas, H. Moore Oil Co., oil			. 3
Jos. Heuermann, feed	71	20	
The Early & Daniel Co., feed	139	42	010
Geo. W. Neare Gibbs, insurance	8	00	210
A. R. Witham's Fire Insurance Co., insurance		00	
The K. F. Benndorf Co., insurance	16	00	
Eureka Fire and Marine Insurance Co., insurance	8	00	
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod	E0.		40
The Bradley & Sorin Co., programs for concerts	50 26		
The Ice Delivery Co., ice	10		
Biltmore Nursery Co., kalmias	311		
-			397
Total Cost of Maintaining Burnet Woods in 1907	· · · · · · ·	\$1	9,409
NCOLN PARK:			
Payrolls			
1 HJ 1 VIII		1	3,122
Union Gas and Electric Co., gas and electric light	292		3,122
	292 <b>3</b> 75	68 00	
Union Gas and Electric Co., gas and electric light Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps	292 375	68 00 -	667
Union Gas and Electric Co., gas and electric light Union Gas and Electric Co., care of lamps Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	292 375	68 00 	667
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WASHINGTON PARK:	
Pavrolls	3,589 78
The Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs 1 60	
The E. J. Nolan Plumbing Co., plumbing repairs 9 68	
Chas. M. Weber, plumbing repairs 995	
	21 28
Fairmont Coal Co., fuel	7 00
Union Gas and Electric Co., light	21 19
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., grass-seed	
J. Chas. McCullough, grass-seed	
	32 70
Ira D. Washburn Co., paint	19 84
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc 27 25	
J. M. McCullough's Sons Co., hardware, tools supplies, etc. 8 25	
West West Academ Co. Wile Academ	85 50
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectant	22 05
Wadsworth Stone and Paving Co., rock asphalt 395 06	
Louisville & Nashville Ratiway Co., car service 2 00	
P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., car service	
Kirchner Construction Co., rent of roller	420 06
Louis Ruscher & Co., sod	
S. S. Jackson & Co., trees and shrubs	392 65
Total Cost of Maintaining Washington Park in 1907	\$4,561 99
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HOPKINS PARK:	
Payrolls	
Union Gas and Electric Co., gas light	30 44
Peter Buchelt, Sr., manure 200	
Gustave Adrian, manure 50	2 50
Total Cost of Maintaining Hopkins Park in 1907	\$799 44
AUBURN PLACE:	
l'ayrolls	598 45
Gustave Adrian, manure	3 00
Total Cost of Maintaining Auburn Place in 1907	\$601 45
McKINLEY PLACE:	
Doursello	1.316 57
Payrolls	22 00
Smith Sand Co., sand	22 00
J. Griffith & Sons Co., lumber, installing fountain 6 55	22 55
P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., freight charges on fountain	2 47
The Moores-Coney Co., sand and gravel	
	5 40
F. I. Nolan Plumbing Co. plumbing	5 40 96 40
E. J. Nolan Plumbing Co., plumbing	26 40
Louis Ruscher & Co., 30-1	26 40 11 00
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OWLS'-NEST PARK:	
Payrolls	\$600 00
LYTLE PARK:	
Payrolls  Pittsburg Coal Co., fuel	686 31
·	46 91
Total Cost of maintaining Lytle Park in 1907	\$733 22
TYLER DAVIDSON FOUNTAIN:	
Payrolls	1,337 00
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co., plumbing repairs	20 80
Collins & Bruggemann Co., frames for rules	<b>3 4</b> 5
E. J. Holzhalb, plat of fountain	25 00
The Schaefer Rubber Co., rubber boots	6 70
Cincinnati Gas Coke, Coal and Mining Co., coke brieze	5 70
Queen City Supply Co., hose	37 50
The Alms & Doepke Co., brooms 7 35	
A. Jansen & Co., brooms	10 25
Total Cost of maintaining Tyler Davidson Fountain in 1907	
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EAST END PARK:	
Edw. J. Holzhalb, measuring sidewalk	8 00
II. Belmer & Co., wire netting	4 77
Total Cost of maintaining East End Park in 1907	\$12 <b>7</b> 7
WILSON COMMON:	•
Singleton & Ruffner, repairs to roof	23 00
Frederick Tischbein, rent	15 10
Pickering Hardware Co., hardware, tools, supplies, etc	18 69
E. J. Holzhalb, engineering services	170 00
D. J. Holzhald, engineering services	
Total cost of maintaining Wilson Common for 1907	<b>\$226</b> 79
INWOOD PARK:	
Jos. H. Batsche, vault cleaning	\$10 <b>0</b> 0
SUNDRY EXPENSES FOR ALL PARKS:	
Fidelity and Deposit Co., premiums on bonds 40 00	
S. M. Ferris Agency, premiums on bonds	
Dr. J. T. Davis, veterinary services	15 00
Carey & Zimmermann, insurance on stables	13 50 42 50
C. Hennecke Co., park benches	351 00
The Wm. H. Moon Co., trees, shrubs, etc	
Edw. J. Holzhalb, engineering services	
Jacob Fox, umbrella	
J. W. Rodgers, cash paid	
Total Cost of Sundry Expenses charged to all parks in 1907	
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EXPENSES INCIDENTAL to Office of Superintendent of	Parks	s:
Payrolls (Superintendent of Parks and Stenographers)		8.519 50
B. & H. Meyer, horse-keep	142 93	•
F. B. Maertz, horse-keep	90 20	
Ben Grote, horse-keep	26 68	
		268 76
J. W. Rodgers, convention expenses	177 50	
Anthony Herschede, convention expenses	112 75	
Price Hill Incline Plane R. R. Co., freight tickets	50 00	290 25
Cincinnati Traction Co., freight tickets		
Cincinnati Traction Co., freight tickets	10 00	60 00
The J. H. Louis Carriage and Wagon Co., buggy repairs	5 30	•••
Chas. Behlen's Sons Co., buggy repairs	(3 30	
		69 60
Ryan Bros., horseshoeing		42 50
Bock Bros., harness repairs	1 05	
Brockmann Harness Co., harness, etc	30 00	
The John Shillito Co., carriage-robe	4 00	
		<b>35</b> 05
Total Expenses Incidental to Office of Sup't of Parks in 1975		\$4,284 66
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH OFFIC		
E. J. Lee, photographs	14 25	
Rombach & Groene, photographs	70 30	
Barg & Schulte, photographs, etc	4 87	
Huber Art Co., kodak and films	1 15	
-		90 07
Samuel Minter, repairing chairs		2 00
Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone Co., telephones	<b></b>	
Western Union Telegraph Co., clock-rental		12 00
The Globe-Wernicke Co., files		8 10
American Florist Co., periodical	1 00	
Municipal Journal and Engineer Co., periodical	6 00	)
Horticulture Publishing Co., periodical	1 00	)
Florists' Exchange, periodical	1 00	)
Herman Boesche, newspaper	6 40	)
Termin Poesence newspaper		15 40
U. P. James, botanical books		11 45
The Enquirer Co., postage		
George E. Bryan, printing, etc	16 50	)
Eagle Lithographing Co., printing	10 00	)
Cohen & Co., printing	24 50	)
The Miami Press, printing	23 0	)
		- 74 00
Webb Stationery and Printing Co., office supplies, etc	1 50	)
Pounsford Stationery Co., office supplies, etc	13 81	
D. Carroll Thomas, office supplies, etc	1 90	)
Sellers, Davis & Co., office supplies, etc	12 10	0
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., office supplies, etc	1 4	5
W. H. Stanage & Co., office supplies, etc	18 49	
		- 49 21
Underwood Typewriter Co., rent of typewriter		
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., typewriter, desk, etc	146 8	
		- 162 86
Collins & Bruggemann, framing pictures	<b></b>	. 20 49
Williams Directory Co., City Directory	• • • • • • • • •	. 700
M. C. Dow, soap		
Cincinnati Blue Print Co., blue prints		3 10
Total Expenses charged to Office Supplies, etc., during 1907		. \$617 87



VISTA LAWN—BURNET WOODS

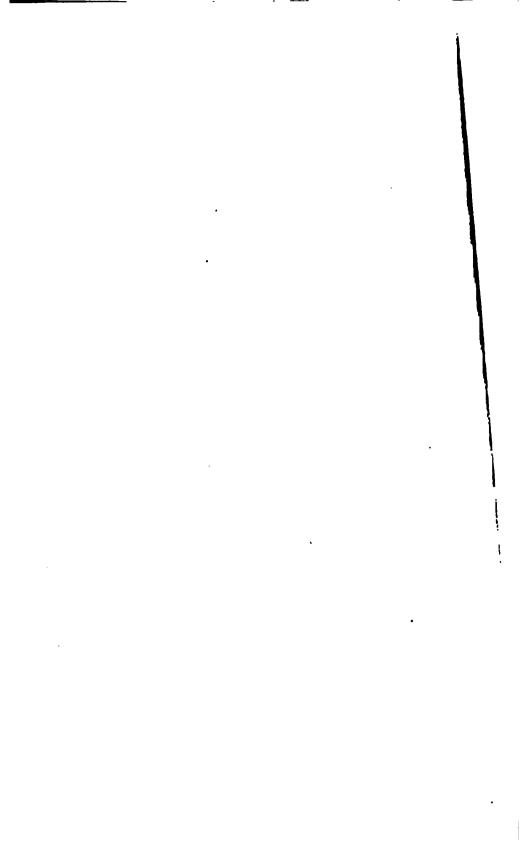
# PARK EXTENSION FUND

The following statement includes all Receipts and Expenditures since the first issue of Bonds under the Longworth Act for the purpose of purchasing and improving New Park Property.

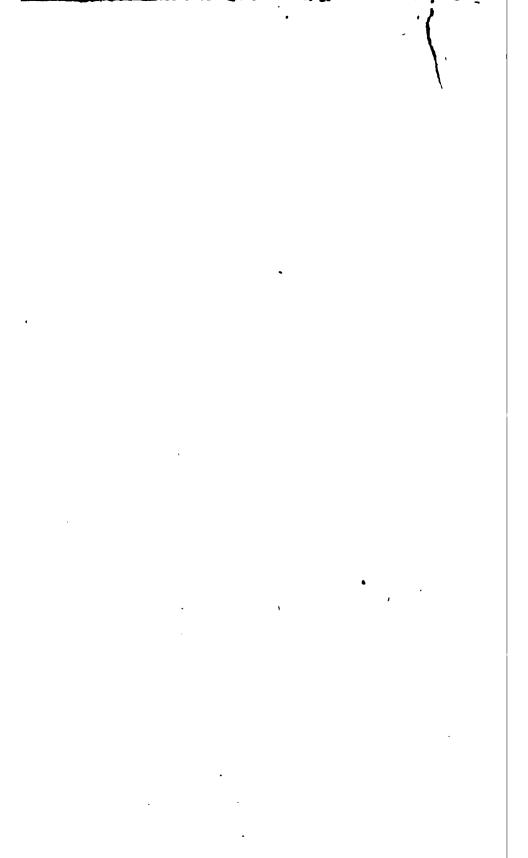
#### RECEIPTS

	Total Receipts to December 31, 1906		943,727 51
Rece	ipts for 1907:		
	Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 67, for purpose of improving new park property.  Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 2008, for purchase of Ludlow Avenue Triangle property, and im-	10,000 00	
	chase of Ludlow Avenue Triangle property, and improvements to same.	MG,∩00 00	
	Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 2001, for purpose of acquiring small parcel of ground at Hunt Street Park	HUO <b>00</b>	
	Street Park  Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 2016, for purpose of acquiring portion of Hubbard Tract property	17,500 00	
	Bond Issue authorized by Ordinance No. 1977, for purpose of acquiring Barr, Kenyon, Mound and Cutter streets property, and limproving same.	<b>300 ,0</b> 00 UO	00
		-	414,800 00
	Total Receipts from 1904 to December 31, 1907	: :	1,358,027 51
	EXPENDITURES		
	Bond issue expenses	1,455 29 73,355 87	
	Total expense connected with Park Extension Bonds		74,811 16
1907-	Ordinance No. 672- Engineers, rodmen, etc Ordinance No. 672-Services of engineer, etc	4,627 26 267 50	
	Total expenses connected with engineers, surveys, etc		4,894 76
	Vine and Hollister property	14,429 82 6,044 50	
	Total cost of Vine and Hollister Park		20,474 32
	Burnet Avenue and Reading Road property	FFF 00	
1907	erty Improvement to Burnet Avenue and Reading Road property	118 58	
	Total cost of Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Park	 	2,553 90
1907	East-End Park property	36,555 42 662 50	
	Total cost of East-End Park		37,217 92
	Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore property	12,324 90 886 53	
	Total cost of Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore corner		12,711 43
	Amount carried forward		\$152, <b>008 8</b> 9

Amount brought forward	152, <b>6</b> 63 <b>3</b> 9
Lytle Park property	
Total cost of Lytle Park	255,646 48
Calhoun Street property	
Improvement to Calhoun Street property 3,212 81 1907—Improvement to Calhoun Street property 966 94	
Total cost of Calhoun Street property	76,805 81
	10,505 81
McKinley Place property         50,694         39           Improvement to McKinley Place         5,066         44	
Total cost of McKinley Place	55,760 83
Auburn Place property         21 555 15           Improvement to Auburn Place         4,842 60	
Total cost of Auburn Place	26,397 75
Owls'-Nest Park (taxes, recording deed, etc).         332 83           Improvement of Owls'-Nest Park.         178 28	
Total cost of Owls'-Nest Park	561 11
Wilson Common (taxes and recording deed, etc.)	174 55
Fourth, Fifth, Park and Mill Sts. property (examination of title)	390 00
Hunt Street Park property	
Total cost of Hunt Street Park	256,848 69
Inwood Park property	
Improvement of Inwood Park	
Total cost of Inwood Park	103,366 28
Barr, Kenyon, Mound and Cutter streets property.  Ludlow Avenue Triangle property.  120 00 1607—Ludlow Avenue Triangle property.  81,664 06	520 <b>00</b>
Total cost Ludlow Avenue Triangle	81 <b>,784 06</b>
Hubbard Tract property	
Total cost Hubbard Tract	17,398 62
Miscellaneous expenses connected with purchase of new parks	
Total miscellaneous expenses for property and improvements	929 26
Columbia Avenue Park property	2 00
Expenses of Park Commission	9,788 25 1,044,022 08
Balance on hand December 31, 1907	314,005 78
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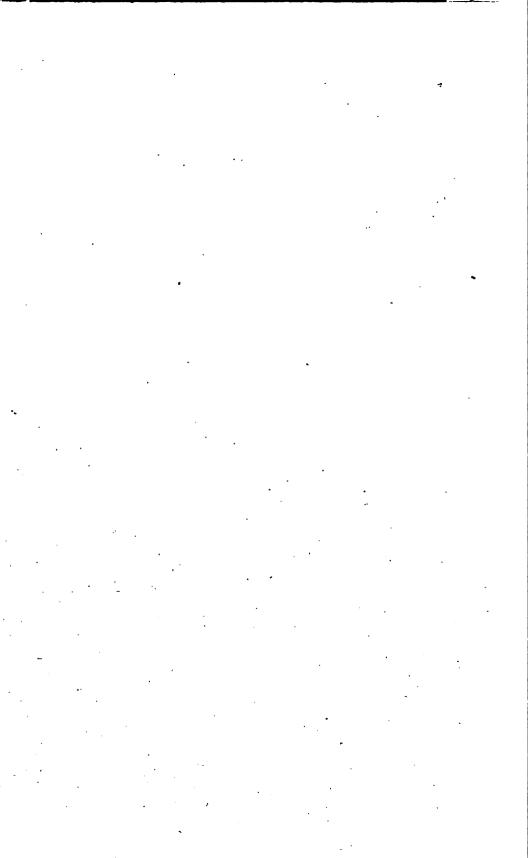
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CINCINNATI, OHIO 1908-1910



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DECEMBER 10, 1908 TO DECEMBER 31, 1910

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# BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

#### December 10, 1908, to December 10, 1909

L. A. Ault	3-year	tern
WM. GILBERTVice-President,	2-year	tern
Julius Fleischmann	1-year	tern

#### EMPLOYEES

M. C.	Longenecker	Secretary
J. W.	Rodgers	Superintendent

### December 10, 1909, to December 10, 1910

L. A. Ault	
Wm. Gilbert	Vice-President, 2-year term
*Julius Fleischmann	Reappointed for 3 years
GEORGE PUCHTAAppointed	June 23 to fill unexpired 3-year term

#### EMPLOYEES

M. C. Longenecker	Secretary and Executive Officer
GEORGE E. KESSLER	Landscape Architect
C. H. MEEDS	Chief Engineer
HERBERT GREENSMITH	Superintendent of Maintenance

<sup>•</sup> Resigned June 23, 1910.

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# **FOREWORD**

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN—In 1907, four years ago, a special temporary Park Commission and Advisory Commission, working together, authorized the writer to develop for the city a general scheme of park improvements.

Although four years have intervened between the submission of that general plan and a real beginning toward its accomplishment, the value of such a general plan has evidently impressed itself most thoroughly upon the public, and particularly upon those having given sufficient attention to the plan itself to feel that this development is possible and essential and worthy of the city's importance. It is, therefore, particularly gratifying to find that in the considerable current purchases the general plan has been consistently adhered to, and so, with one fragment after another coming into public possession, the ultimate accomplishment of the entire development seems possible.

While it required two years to secure a park commission in its present form, and a further two years, making four in all, to secure, after exceedingly earnest efforts, one million dollars for acquisition and improvement of properties within the lines of the general plan, it is distinctly encouraging that the community shows a realization of its needs. The present time is, therefore, the real beginning of establishment of these exceedingly necessary improvements in the City of Cincinnati.

The very great enjoyment which the public, particularly the children, received from playgrounds and open spaces established in these four years out of former Park Extension Funds, most

thoroughly justifies your policy of considerable extension of the system of small playgrounds in congested districts in the city. These, together with the wise increase of more ample school grounds, will drain many of the streets of children, and will give them at least some of the opportunities for healthful play to which they are surely entitled.

In addition to the local down-town playgrounds, the parkways embraced within the general plan in the many different residence districts also happily provide for just such local playgrounds as essential elements of their usefulness, and the early acquisition out of present funds of some of these parkways will accomplish the dual purpose of providing playgrounds as well as connecting thoroughfares between principal parks and principal residence districts. There are many characteristically beautiful properties lying within the areas recommended in the general plan which it will not be possible to acquire out of the fund recently authorized. Among them, however, there are some properties which should be secured now, although their improvement may be considerably delayed. The rapid growth of the residential districts will absorb quite a number of very fine lands essential to the accomplishment of these general improvements, and it is certainly the part of wisdom and material economy to secure some of these now. Until certain of your essentially fine viewpoints, which are not yet public property, are acquired, and until these are conveniently connected with each other and with existing fine park lands by means of parkways and a moderate mileage of boulevards, the public will not fully realize the very great potential beauty of the city and the tremendous commercial and civic value of fine appearance.

The establishment of the boulevards proposed under the general recommendations and their improvement and proper maintenance can not be too strongly urged. This will further serve to unify the city and its different residential sections and

bring immediate enhancement of values to the lands they serve, incidentally materially increasing the general tax duplicate. Because of their direct benefit to adjoining private properties, these boulevards should be established and improved at the expense of the localities in which they are established, and not become charges against the community as a whole. Naturally, however, one exception to this is the proposed boulevard along the canal. This project is today as urgently necessary as it was at the time of preparing the general park plans, and remains essentially the key to your whole improvement plan. No other single portion of the entire project stands out so strongly as of general necessity and value to the entire community.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE E. KESSLER.



ELSINORE TOWER, ENTRANCE TO EDEN PARK

#### To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the work done under direction of your Board from December 10, 1908, when control of the park properties of Cincinnati was taken over, to December 31, 1910, together with the financial statements for the years 1908 and 1909, no Park Reports having been published for those years.

Soon after the Board organized in December, 1908, an inspection of park properties was made, which, summed up, consisted of six established or older parks, two playgrounds, and nineteen pieces of unimproved land of various sizes.

An inventory of working material showed an equipment inadequate to carry on economically the work necessary to bring the present parks to a creditable standard. That a better standard be attained, additional funds were an imperative necessity, and justified the Board, on December 30, 1908, in their request to Council to issue bonds in the sum of \$125,000 for the improvement of existing properties. Owing to limitations of statutes, it was found these much-needed funds could not be issued. It was then decided to request Council to submit to the electors of the city, at a special election, the question of issuing \$1,000,000 in bonds for the purchase and improvement of additional park lands, but unfortunately, in this election the required two-thirds vote in the affirmative was not received, and consequently the much-needed money was not forthcoming.

The Board, handicapped through failure to receive the necessary money, proceeded with the improvement of the existing properties. The most notable was the Sinton Playground, bounded by Mound Street, Kenyon Avenue, Barr and Cutter Streets, an entire city block of 2.33 acres, which was so constructed as to combine an attractive park with a well-equipped playground for boys and girls as an adjunct. Equally important was the construction of "Sinton Shelter," combining in one large building, sixteen shower baths, toilet facilities, sand courts, a screened reading-room and a large shelter-room, at a cost of \$32,308.06. This building was named in honor of Mr. David Sinton, father

of Mrs. Annie Sinton Taft, who generously gave \$10,000 toward the cost of construction.

Hunt Street Athletic Field was sufficiently well graded to lay out three good base ball diamonds, which were in almost constant use, especially on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Woodward Park, at the foot of East Rockdale Avenue, was opened on the Fourth of July, 1909, with a celebration consisting of base ball and other athletic games in the afternoon, and in the evening fireworks and other display. This park combines a natural woods and a playground equipped with swings, rings, teeters and other playground paraphernalia for small children, and two good tennis courts and a base ball diamond. Suitable seats for the ball field were constructed, and an iron flagpole erected, due largely to the enterprise of the Avondale Improvement Association.

The Board, after it assumed control, from balances remaining in the funds of the Park Department for the purchase and improvement of new lands, acquired the following properties: The Mt. Echo property, comprising 46.283 acres, for the sum of \$61,151.40. The site at Young and Ringgold Streets, overlooking the city, approximately 2 acres, for \$25,498.76. On April 9, 1909, the old Jackson nursery, comprising 23.29 acres in extent, was leased for a period of ten years at an annual rental of \$420 per year, and the nursery stock thereon purchased for \$2,000. A renewal privilege of an additional ten years was included in the leasehold at \$470 per annum.

Work was immediately commenced on these properties in the nature of grading and landscaping, and the work under way of like character at Inwood, Hubbard and the Ludlow avenue extension of Burnet Woods was continued to a point of completion.



# A BRIEF RESUME OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE YEAR 1910

#### Eden Park

The first work of the season was to clear and clean up the slopes surrounding the reservoir, from the roadway to the water edge, which were in a badly neglected condition. The uneven and unsightly appearance of the approach at the southeast side of the concrete bridge above the greenhouse on the Park Avenue drive was cleared, the hill cut back from five to fifteen feet, and a long slope established. This was solidly planted with forsythias, permitting a full view of the bridge.

The flower-bed features of this park, a source of much admiration, were not neglected. Much planting was done, both in the spring and fall, and altogether 48 trees, 6.526 shrubs and 182 conifers were distributed and planted in various parts of the park. Most of this was done in the spring, while in the fall the grading of the two large knolls at the main entrance on Gilbert avenue, was a much-needed improvement. This added to the width of the entrance nearly eighty-five feet. The former slopes were carried back, tieing in with the grass surfaces of the hillsides; 1,017 yards of new sod were laid, and 300 mahonia aquifolia planted as a background. A pathway, approximately 500 feet long, commencing at Eden Park entrance with stepping stones over the lawn, entering the wooded hillside, then extending by a 3-foot path and steps in an easy manner towards the Art Museum, was constructed with macadam and coated with tarvia. A large knoll on the southeastern corner of the park in Mt. Adams was graded, opening a broad view of the northeastern part of the park, the reservoir, the Ohio River and the Kentucky shore for miles. Across the drive from this point, and leading up to the higher grounds around the Mt. Adams shelter-house, a flight of twenty-three stone steps was built, bordered on both sides with a heavy shrubbery.

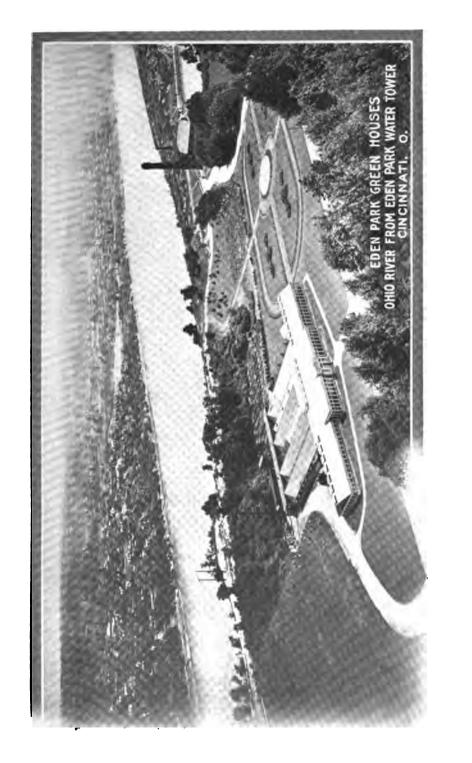
Owing to the remodeling of the main entrance to Gilbert Avenue and the construction of a new roadway, the grades on each side of the drive, for a distance of six hundred feet, had to be re-established, and much of the sod lifted and relaid. A new system of drainage, with additional catch-basins and a new water line with hose-boxes for sprinkling were installed for the whole distance indicated above. The old, decayed and dangerous wooden steps near the bridge leading to the Art Museum were removed and a series of stone steps was substituted; the rearranging of the grade of the slope was left in an unfinished condition for this year, owing to unfavorable weather conditions. In the spring of 1911 work at this place will be completed and the whole hill-side planted.

A large cellar and cistern on Cellar Hill, unsightly and dangerous menaces for years, were filled with approximately four hundred yards of dirt, and 200 additional loads of soil were distributed around the roots of the various trees, some of which were not only exposed but undermined, and were being broken off and destroyed.

Two beds, four feet wide and 30 feet long, were dug out, suitable soil hauled, and put in condition for the use of the Kindergarten Departments of the public schools, a useful and beneficial work, much appreciated and enjoyed.

The unsightly row of white and Carolina poplar trees along the east side of Gilbert Avenue, very badly infested with San Jose scale, was taken down and replaced with sycamores, to correspond with the plantations on the west side when grown; eighty-six trees were planted on Gilbert Avenue and five on Elsinore Avenue. Much time was spent in trimming and pruning trees, and many dead ones were removed. Spraying, in its season, was attended to and, with the exception of wild cherry, Eden Park is free from insect pests.

Much time and labor were spent in an effort to find a number of leaks in the lakes on Luray Avenue at the upper end of Eden Park, some of which were discovered and stopped. The middle division was puddled with brick clay, the overflow from the upper and lower lakes was raised and made level, and a cement wall seventy-two feet long and seven feet deep was constructed on the southeast side, in order to dam up an old culvert and to become a part of the retaining embankment. The lower lake will



be taken into consideration and dealt with this spring. A drain line 124 feet long, having two additional catch-basins, was put in at the extreme northern end of this section of the park, to carry off the surplus drainage from the roadways and adjoining grounds.

The brick chimney at the green-house was raised twenty-six feet at a cost of \$251.50, to provide a better draft, and should result in a saving of coal and the use of but one boiler, except in extreme cold weather, when it may be necessary to operate two. The interior of four green-houses was scraped and painted with two coats of paint by our own men. A reinforced concrete bench or plant table was constructed, replacing an old decayed wooden one. The heating apparatus has all been gone over, remodeled and put in a much more perfect heating condition; all the pipes have been placed on swinging bearings, which allow for expansion and contraction without strain on the frame work of the building.

The chrysanthenum show at the green-houses last fall was a decided success, especially the three Sundays the exhibition was in progress, when from four to five thousand people took advantage of the exhibition. A large number of plants of new varieties were added, and were much admired and praised, especially the small pompon and single varieties.

The flower beds around the green-houses were of a higher standard, excepting a few periods when they appeared to be deteriorating. Upon examination it was found that these were constructed upon filled ground in much too shallow soil, and room for plant development had not been given due consideration. To remedy this the beds were dug deeper and the old soil removed and replaced with new virgin soil, from which we hope to obtain better results. These beds are over seven hundred feet long by three feet in width. Several of the beds were, as usual, planted with spring flowering bulbs.

During the year 26,800 square yards of roadway were built, of which about 20,000 square yards were treated with oil and 17,700 square yards with a mixture of 12-14 gravity oil, and from 15 to 20 per cent of asphalt. Besides the roads entirely rebuilt, 6,630 square yards were resurfaced, and about 4,000 square yards of the latter treated with oil containing no asphalt.

There were 2,941.37 square feet of cement walks laid, and 1,230.45 lineal feet of concrete gutter constructed. Also 570 lineal feet of sewer pipe were laid, a considerable portion of this being 12-inch pipe, and a number of inlets were rebuilt and repaired. A cinder walk of 940 square yards treated with tarvia, was laid at the main entrance between Gilbert Avenue and the bridge.

The remodeling of the entrance at Gilbert Avenue made it necessary to repave 663.2 square yards of granite paving and to relay the cross-walks. The granite paving and cross-walks were laid by the Street Repair Department, under our supervision, the cost of the above being paid by the Park Department.

A concrete and brick wall, approximately 2,111 lineal feet in length, was constructed along the main driveway and the road leading from the main driveway to the Art Museum, making not only an ornamental feature along this road, but also serving as a protection for automobiles and carriages along the dangerous bank above the reservoir.

The new water service installed provided for a large bubbling drinking fountain on the north side of the entrance at Gilbert Avenue.



WINTER SCENE, CONCRETE BRIDGE, EDEN PARK

#### **Hunt Street Athletic Grounds**

Owing to the heavy grade on these grounds and the filled surface being composed principally of ashes, considerable washing is constantly occurring after every heavy rain. To obviate this, at the steepest part of the sloping bank and also behind the summit of the slope along its entire length, a grass or sod gutter at an average width of about nine feet was constructed, and 2,700 yards of sod laid, to carry off the surface water into catch-basins, which were set at intervals of 125 feet, and drain tile conducted into the sewer. In all 1,380 feet of drainage pipe was thus laid to care for surface drainage on these grounds.

Forty loads of soil were hauled from Garfield Park to surface the ground under the playground paraphernalia, a much needed and appreciated improvement; in fact, the whole of these grounds ought to be surfaced with soil and sown with grass as soon as possible to prevent the continuous washing of a large amount of glass to the surface, and also to give a better appearance.

Foundations for two 6,000-gallon tanks for road oil have been built, the tanks placed, and a heavy retaining wall built around and below them.

An additional 1.825 lineal feet of water service, consisting of galvanized wrought iron pipes varying from ¾ inches to 2 inches in diameter, together with nine hose-boxes for sprinkling purposes and two drinking fountains, were installed.

# Lytle Park

In this park very little has been done during the past season, other than maintenance work, which included the replacing of some shrubs, the resodding of the frontage on the Fourth Street side and the embankment on Lawrence Street, in which nearly 700 yards of sod were used, the usual annual summer bedding, and the planting of beds in the fall with spring flowering bulbs. The playground was oiled, and new drains put in. Levels were taken and a plat made, looking forward to the location of a comfort station at this park.

#### Madison Park

A caretaker was placed on these grounds during the summer months, the place was generally cleaned up, and the sloping banks on each side graded for a distance of 400 feet in length and 11 feet in width on Erie Avenue and for 525 feet in length and 13 feet in average width on Madison Road. Three large flower beds were made and planted, but owing to the lack of funds and the general rough character of the place, its general maintenance was not of as high a standard as desired.

#### Johnson Park

This small park was much admired and many favorable comments made. By reducing the privet hedge on Gilbert Avenue, this park became more conspicuous and open to public view. The bedding features were made and kept up in fairly good shape all summer, five sycamore trees were planted, and a fill 4 to 5 feet deep, 650 feet long and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide was made on the west side of the park adjoining the railroad. This will permit the extension of the privet hedge along the whole length of the property, screening the railroad track, which will make the park more beautiful than ever.

#### Washington Park

Considerable work was done in this park throughout the entire season. Attention was given first to the weak, worn-out grass plots, which were covered with a fresh, yellowish clay loam from Burnet Woods; bone meal and commercial fertilizer were also applied, and new seed sown, resulting in a much improved appearance. A border of shrubbery, approximately 1,900 plants in all, in various varities, practically encircling the whole outer edge of the park, was planted in early spring. The majority of these have done well, considering the close environments of this down-town park, where but few shrubs and trees seem to thrive. Quite a few varieties were planted for the purpose of experiment, to determine which would grow best; notations of these have

been and will continue to be made for future guidance. Some 825 yards of sod were laid to repair the waste and wear due to the abuse the grass receives in this park during the heated periods of July and August.

Two large stretches of tarvia roadway were laid, the old asphalt roadway was repaired in many places, and replaced with a tarvia treatment in others. In all about 1,100 yards of roads or paths were thus built, and seem to be giving satisfaction. All of the benches, numbering 280, were painted, the usual bedding features of the park maintained, 300 goldfish were placed in the fountain basin, and the general condition of the park well maintained.

A survey, levels and plat of the walks, showing the location of the lake, were taken, with a view to the location of a combined shelter-house, comfort station and bandstand.

#### Garfield Park

Practically the same treatment accorded Washington and Lincoln Parks was given Garfield, and, according to the report of an old resident, this park was green all summer for the first time in fifteen years, and is in fairly good condition today. The annual bedding features of the park were done away with, and the beds or borders planted with shrubbery. The cement path through the center of the park was widened 24 inches on each side, and new benches were bolted down and placed further back, giving pedestrians a more favorable opportunity of passing through.

#### Vine and Hollister

The maintenance of this place was of an excellent character, and the bedding exceptionally fine, showing rare taste and assiduous attention. Escaping gases from street mains caused some few trees to die and damaged part of the grass on the lawn in the southern end near Hollister Street; this was remedied. Nineteen trees were planted, the fountain in the center raised about sixteen inches, and the walks raised and repaired. Two hundred and forty-three feet of sewer pipe were laid for drains, and five new inlets built.

#### Inwood Park

Besides the large amount of construction work in progress all summer and late in the fall, 800 trees and 2,600 shrubs were planted in this park during the spring and fall planting seasons. The hillsides received a dressing of manure and soil, grass seed was sown, and during the latter part of the year things began to assume a more park-like appearance.



HARRISON MONUMENT, GARFIELD PARK

Two thousand four hundred square yards of stone and cinder walks were constructed. Three thousand three hundred square yards of playground surface was covered with cinders and treated with tarvia. Three hundred and eighty lineal feet of stepping stones were laid near the lake, and about two-thirds of this work remains yet to be done. There were 7,347.3 square feet of cement walk and 1,024.7 lineal feet of steps and coping built. A wading-pool 60x45 feet was constructed. Two thousand and fifty-one lineal feet of cast iron pipe and 3,263 lineal feet of galvanized wrought iron pipe, making a total of 5,314 lineal feet of pipe, varying from 1 inch to 3 inches in diameter, was laid for water service. Seven valves, 5 drinking fountains, and 27 hose-boxes were installed. Nine hundred and ninety lineal feet of vitrified pipe and 420 lineal feet of farm tile were laid for drains, and 20 inlets to care for surface drainage were built.

A flame arc lighting system on 50-foot poles was installed, and all the work in connection therewith done by the Union Gas and Electric Company. The location of poles, however, was made by this department. The entire system is that of underground conduits. These should last for many years, and are so located that should it be deemed desirable to change the present system of lighting, the same could be done without great additional expense.

For drainage and water service, this park is well equipped. To prevent serious washing of the steep hillsides by rain, it was necessary to have a large number of inlets and a considerable quantity of drain pipe. The hose-boxes are so located that, to reach every portion of the ground, will require one hundred feet of hose.

Money spent for much of this work makes but little showing above ground, but will prove a saving of maintenance expense in the care of this park. Good drainage and good water service are as essential to park properties as any other part of the work, and Inwood is better supplied with both than any of our other parks.

Considerable grading was done during the year, mostly of a landscape nature, necessitating much reshaping of the grounds in some places to accommodate the walks.

#### Burnet Woods

An excellent condition was maintained in this park all summer. Much time and labor were spent in building up the waste and wash of years around the magnificent beech trees, which are now in a rapid state of decay. Eight hundred loads (1,510 yards) of soil were used in filling in and around these trees and numerous small wash-outs. Twelve large beech and three large oak trees were cut down in the fall, all of which had died during the summer months. The bridle path leading from the St. Clair Street entrance toward Clifton Avenue was reshaped and put in good condition.

A new path 250 feet long and 4 feet wide, to accommodate students and pedestrians journeying from the University drive towards Camp Washington, was put in. The old wooden steps were taken out and replaced with stone steps and a plantation or border of shrubbery placed around them.

Some 700 feet of new sewer or drain pipe were laid, and six new catch-basins built. Considerable grading around the entrance and barn on St. Clair Street, and also around the outlet from lake, was done. Four large new flower beds were made and planted with geraniums and cannas in the spring. A large amount of



BEECH GROVE, BURNET WOODS

grading was also accomplished on the northwest corner of the park at Ludlow and Clifton Avenues, and work undertaken towards grading a large knoll of land preparatory to the widening of the entrance on Ludlow Avenue. Sixteen hundred yards of sod were laid, and also a large amount of grass seeding was accomplished with good results in various parts of the park.

The various roads were repaired and oiled, those most traveled receiving two coats of coverings, which served to keep them in good repair and thoroughly kept down the dust.

A small addition was put on the wagon shed, providing for the housing of one of the wagons and other small tools. The barn was given two coats of paint and put in a good state of repair.

A summary of the planting shows that 149 trees, 2,262 shrubs and 50 conifers or evergreen trees, and about 5,000 tulips were planted in this park.

#### Wilson Commons

A caretaker was in charge during the summer months, the place was tidy, and general maintenance work kept up, but no general improvements were made.

#### **Hubbard Tract**

Apart from general construction work, which consisted of approximately 7,480.03 cubic yards of grading, 1,010 lineal feet of paved gutter, 550 square yards of cinder walk, 430 lineal feet of sewer pipe, and 5 inlets, nothing was attempted but the seeding of the surface to grass and the planting of 32 trees. Early winter setting in stopped further operations.

#### Sinton Park

In this park the problem of maintaining park features alongside of sand pits and wading pools is a difficult one, and the condition will require intelligent handling by a versatile caretaker to adjust to a good state of maintenance. There were planted in this park last spring 706 shrubs and 56 trees; some did very well, while a few died. All suffered more or less from rough usage by the children, and even grown people, for the reasons above stated. Work will again be resumed in the early spring, with the hope of bringing about better results the coming season.

#### Auburn Place

Maintenance of this park was very neatly kept up; the usual bedding features showed excellent taste, and were well maintained throughout the whole season. Ten trees were planted to replace those that had died in the fall, and the beds were all planted in tulips.



NIGHT SCENE, SINTON PLAYGROUNDS

#### Lincoln Park

Much work of improvement was carried out in this park during the spring months. The lawns were fertilized and mulched with clean, fresh, loamy soil and bone meal, with resultant benefit. The scattered shrubbery which had been planted singly and at random all over the lawns was gathered up and planted in groups on the outer edges of the park, thus opening up the area of the lawns and giving them a much larger appearance. The outer edges of the lake were repaired and made more presentable by the laying of nearly 400 yards of sod. Two large groups of shrubbery were also placed at the main entrance on Freeman Avenue.

There were added to the shrubbery above mentioned some 1,300 other shrubs in various varieties, which made a continuous border on Hopkins Street from Freeman Avenue to President Place on the western boundary. The Kenner Street side was also accorded the same treatment for two-thirds of the distance.

Some seventy trees were also planted, partly during the spring planting and at the Arbor Day celebration on April 8, on which occasion seven of our public schools, the House of Refuge and several of our civic organizations participated in the patriotic exercises and the planting of trees. Judging by the large and enthusiastic crowd of people in attendance, the event was a complete success.

Approximately 1,400 yards of soil were hauled into this park, and the northwestern corner was graded, preparatory to installing playground paraphernalia.

The benches, candy and bandstands were repaired and painted, and a greatly improved system of lighting was installed through the whole park. The general maintenance and summer bedding features were kept up to their usual standard.

#### Rochelle and Falke

Apart from general maintenance in this small triangular place, a trench 2½ feet deep, 3 feet wide and 175 feet long was excavated out of solid rock, and all the material was hauled away

and replaced with good soil from Burnet Woods, in which 440 California privet were planted as a hedge and screen along the railway tracks. Six ampelopsis veitchii were planted to cover the end of a building. Ground and rock were excavated on Rochelle Street in order to plant seven maple trees, all of which are in first-class condition. There were laid 3,928 square feet of cement walk, 172 lineal feet of drain tile and vitrified pipe and 42 lineal feet of water service, and one drinking fountain was set.

#### Mt. Echo Park

In this park general maintenance work was kept up, the play-ground improved, and a new backstop put up. The greater part of the road was oiled, using 22 barrels of oil, which not only preserved the road, but kept down the dust all summer, and 140 trees were planted in early spring, nearly all of them doing well. Four flower beds were made and planted in cannas and geraniums. An old house was torn down and the surroundings filled in and roughly graded. The barn was repaired and generally cleaned up, two rainwater cisterns filled, and other minor details cared for. Eight hundred and fourteen lineal feet of 3-inch cast iron pipe and 155 lineal feet of 34-inch lead pipe were laid for water service. Two drinking fountains were set, and 172 feet of vitrified drain pipe laid.



OUT OF DANGER OF AUTOMOBILES OR HORSES

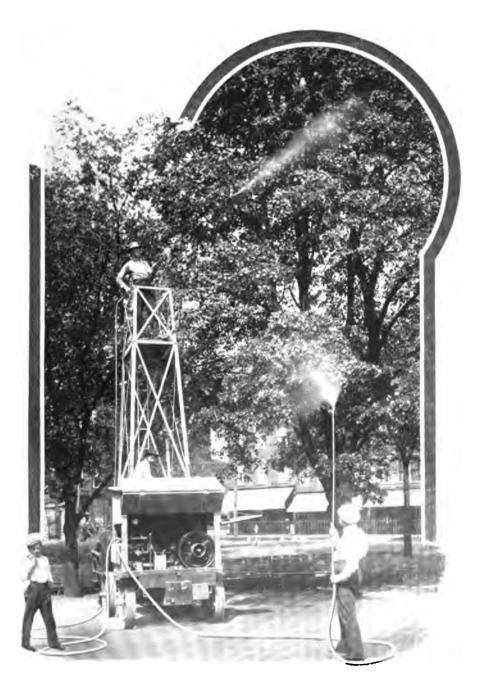
## Owls' Nest Park

Besides the large amount of construction accomplished, much work was done in the way of planting, grading and draining. Some 1,855 shrubs in various varieties were planted in the borders along Madison Road and on the east and west boundary lines of the park, and in various beds or groups in different parts of the park, as exigency or design demanded. A small, temporary shelter-house for the use of the caretaker was installed, and general maintenance features well kept up.

Eight hundred and fifty square yards of stone and cinder walk were constructed, and 725 square yards of roadway resurfaced. Some of the inlets were rebuilt, and new drain pipe laid. An ornamental stone and brick seat was constructed at the entrance. A brick and concrete wall 134.8 lineal feet long and 7 feet high, with a sandstone coping, was built along the east boundary line of the property, commencing at Madison Road. The purpose of this wall was to serve not only as a fence, but also a screen to hide some of the undesirable features along that side of the property. Grading to the amount of about 800 cubic yards was done.

# Nursery

Much work has been accomplished at the nursery. Not only has it undergone a thorough overhauling, but much of the useless stuff has been disposed of. The balance of the stock has been cultivated into usable material for present and future use, and much work of a permanent cultural nature has been accomplished; in fact, a nursery in reality has been practically evolved out of what was a mixed, chaotic state of things. In the fall of 1909 much seed of various native trees and shrubs was gathered and sown, and thus there are now many thousands of young plants ready for transplanting into nursery rows in the spring of 1911. The same course was adopted again in the fall of 1910, which should prove as successful as the previous one. About 18,000 hard-wood cuttings of various varieties of shrubs were made during the winter and planted in early spring, and fully 75 per cent grew, which will give, in addition to the seedings above





mentioned, about 13,000 young shrubs in the nursery for lining out this coming spring. Added to this stock, large importations from France of small shrubs and trees, with few exceptions, are growing well; some have already found their way into our parks, and quite a few more will do so this coming spring. In collected stock results were not so successful, as not more than 50 per cent of this stock grew. It is rather a difficult matter to obtain satisfactory collected lining-out material for growing in the nursery, unless very close personal observation is maintained when collecting, and this we are not in a position to do.

The nursery supplied during the past year, for use in our parks, 973 large forest trees, 452 trees of a dwarf nature, such as cornus Florida, red bud, etc., 232 conifers in about eight varieties, and 4,920 shrubs, valued at \$2,210, a very conservative estimate being taken. In addition to this we supplied trees to the City Waterworks to the value of \$260.

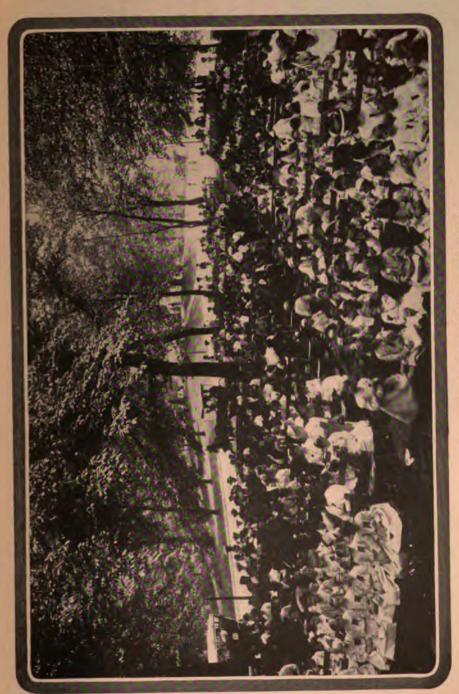
One more feature upon which we can not put an estimate is the dispatch with which we get our trees, plants and shrubs from the nursery grounds to the grounds into which they are to be permanently planted. This is not only a saving of time, work, waiting for goods, expense, etc., but assures a greater degree of success in transplanting and future quick growth.

We have on hand at the nursery at the present time 6,737 trees and 7,647 shrubs in the larger sizes, all available for immediate use in our various parks.

One hundred and seventy-five two-horse loads of manure were hauled to the nursery, and twenty-eight additional loads were hauled by the nursery team to the Hubbard Tract and used as a surface diessing.

#### Wulsin Tract

On this tract the department has set stakes for grading and given the necessary levels to shape up this piece of ground, according to plans prepared by Mr. Kessler. The contract for this work was let by Mr. Wulsin and other gentlemen of Hyde Park, and the work was done under their direction and paid for by them. There is still considerable work to be done here of a landscape nature, path building and flower bedding.



ORPHANS' OUTING, BURNET WOODS, SPRING 1910

# Warsaw and Woodlawn

Plans were prepared for the grading of this tract, with a view to establishing a playground, which will be equipped with a wading-pool and the ordinary playground paraphernalia.

# McKinley Park

Aside from maintenance, the only work done here was that of setting stakes and taking levels for the rearrangement of the playground paraphernalia.

# Westwood Commons

The work here consisted principally of grading and making an athletic field about 320 feet in width by about 1,200 feet in length, the amount of grading being 29,029.8 cubic yards. Water service was also installed amounting to 927.51 lineal feet of cast iron and galvanized wrought iron pipe, including meter, valves and self-closing hydrant. In connection with this work there was also laid 88 lineal feet of vitrified drain tile.

# Pearl Street Playground

At this park a comfort station and caretaker's house was erected. A wading-pool 20x40 feet, with a 6-foot walk around it, was constructed, and a new sanitary drinking fountain was also installed. There were covered with cinders 1,516 square yards of playground surface. The frame shed used as a shelter-house was repaired by placing concrete foundations under the columns supporting the roof, and 719.7 lineal feet of iron fence was erected.

# Hanna Playground

This valuable playground of approximately 20,000 square feet, bounded on three sides by streets, affording good light and air, was named after the public-spirited owner, Miss Mary Hanna, who gave the ground and buildings located thereon for the use of small children as a playground. Work was commenced early in 1910 and completed about August 1, from which time to the close of the session it was a very beehive of activity. To prepare same 314 cubic yards of grading was done by contract, 1,320 square feet of cement walk laid, 32.14 lineal feet of steps constructed, and a wading pool 30x45 feet and a drinking fountain installed. A comfort station and caretaker's house was erected, also playground paraphernalia and swings, while 462 lineal feet of iron fence and 311 lineal feet of concrete wall was constructed, to protect the children from running in and out from the street.

There was also built an ornamental stone and brick entrance way, the latter being paid for by Mr. Henry Dreses, president of the machine tool company adjoining on the west, which company bears his name.



PLAYGROUND SCENE

#### Woodward Park

A 10.70 acre tract of land in the Bloody Run valley, at the east end of Rockdale Avenue, was given to the city by Joseph H. and Alice C. Noyes, to be known as Woodward Park, in honor of that venerable and public-spirited family of Woodwards, of which Mrs. Noyes is a descendant, and William Woodward, of high school fame, was the head.

This most attractive park combines a natural forest land, a well balanced playground, two tennis courts and two ball fields. Considerable work has been laid out to bring the entire park into greater usefulness. Along that line a comfort and caretaker's house was erected at an expense of \$1,500, and 8,426.66 cubic yards of grading was done. Included in this grading is that for a roadway 30 feet in width with a 10-foot sidewalk space on the south side. This roadway runs through the park, connecting the end of Windham Avenue with Rockdale Avenue. Two hundred and seventy-five lineal feet of vitrified drain pipe were laid and four inlets constructed.

#### Gifts

HANNA PLAYGROUND—A valuable factory site at the southwest corner of McMicken Avenue and Dunlap Street was offered as a gift by Miss Mary Hanna for purposes of a playground. The generous character of this gift and the value of its location prompted the Board in immediate acceptance. The donor also gave \$990, the proceeds received from the sale of the factory building on the ground, and said money was used in the improvement of the ground for the purposes intended. The thickly-congested neighborhood soon proved this site as one of the most valued and largely attended playgrounds of the city.

WULSIN TRIANGLE—The triangle between Madison and Observatory Roads presenting an unsightly and unkempt appearance, the residents of the neighborhood desired the property for park purposes, to be beautified in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood. In consequence, after suit in condemnation to acquire, Mr. Lucien Wulsin, long interested in the park movement of Cin-

cinnati, presented his check to the Board of \$10,475, to pay the court's judgment to purchase this .95 acre of property. A committee, consisting of Tilden R. French, Charles Schmidt, R. K. LeBlond and others, contributed about \$1,000 for the improvement. Grading was started late in the fall in accordance with plans of Mr. Kessler. The consummation of said plan will result in one of the most attractive beauty spots of the city, and be particularly appropriate as an entrance to Hyde Park.

A gift which was especially appreciated by the children was that of Hon. Michael Mullen, who generously gave funds for the purpose of purchasing a moving picture machine, to be used at Lytle Park. That the enjoyment of this donation was not limited to the children, however, was evidenced by the large attendance of older people at all of the exhibitions.

#### Concerts

Were it not for the generous spirit of a few public-spirited citizens, the much appreciated band concerts would not have been possible.

The Endowment Fund of \$50,000, given by W. S. Groesbeck in 1875, and invested in municipal bonds, returns sufficient funds for twelve or thirteen concerts of thirty-five musicians each for Saturday afternoon concerts in Burnet Woods, appreciation of which is attested by the large number that attend these concerts weekly.

A like gift of \$50,000 from Margaret and J. G. Schmidlapp, in memory of Charles Schmidlapp, deceased, given in 1892, is invested and returns funds sufficient for nineteen concerts of thirty-five musicians each; the provision of this gift being Sunday afternoon concerts in Eden Park.

Mr. Julius Fleischmann, on behalf of his mother, Mrs. Charles Fleischmann, and himself, in the spring of 1909, gave \$2,760 for twenty-five concerts that were given in the down-town parks and playgrounds.

Again in 1910, with the same generous spirit, Mr. Fleischmann proposed a like gift, provided the Board of Park Commissioners would set aside from its funds sufficient for twelve concerts,

which condition was cheerfully met, resulting in thirty-seven evening concerts being given in the down-town parks.

In addition, due to community interest, six concerts were provided for by public subscription and played at Owls' Nest Park. The Hyde Park Business Men's Club also stood sponsor for a series of Saturday night concerts, which were given on the plaza at Erie Avenue and Edwards Road. Commissioner Wm. Gilbert provided the funds for a band concert on occasion of Spring Arbor Day exercises at Lincoln Park.

The value of popular concerts for the masses can not be overestimated, and it only requires a visit to any of the down-town parks on occasion of a band concert to convince the most pessimistic of their great value.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. LONGENECKER.

Secretary.



WINTER SCENE IN BURNET WOODS





# REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLAYGROUNDS

CINCINNATI, O., November 16, 1910.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit my report of the playground activities for the summer season of 1910, and also enclose a list of recommendations for your kind consideration.

The attendance during June, July, August, September and October was as follows:

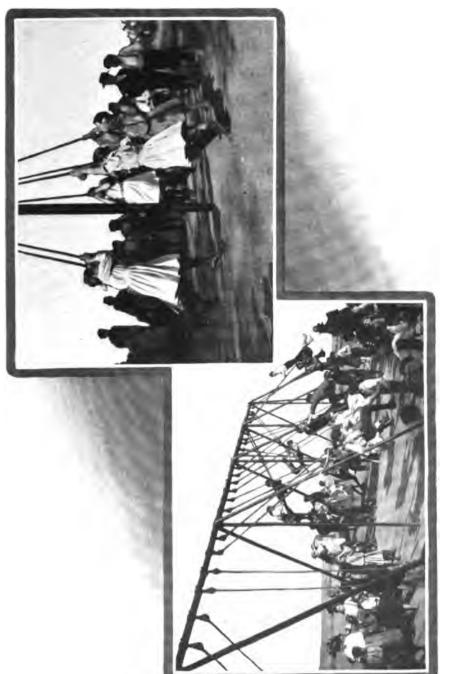
Inwood Park	152,136
Sinton Park	93,755
Lytle Park	43,299
Hanna Park	30,429
Pearl Street Park	29,214
Woodward Park	23,130
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Total attendance for season of 1910	371.964

The method used in ascertaining the attendance is to count the actual number of persons present at each session, the total being taken as the attendance for the day.

The total expenditures of this department were as follows:

Salary for eleven playground directors For playground apparatus (basket, playground and	2,150	78
volley balls, nets, bats, etc)	107	08
Total	\$2.257	86

The classification of a playground can best be stated as a rallying place for boys and girls—a place that affords opportunity and an outlet of all play instinct.



SCENES IN THE PLAYGROUNDS

Since the play instinct of a group of boys eight years of age is entirely different from those of a group of fourteen years of age, provision ought to be made for the following three distinct groups of playground patronage:

- 1. There should be a place for the exclusive use of young boys and girls up to approximately ten years of age. Equipment: Sand court, wading pool, swings, tilts, suspending parallel bars, flying rings, etc.
- 2. There should be a place for the exclusive use of girls more than ten years of age. Equipment: Flying rings, horizontal ladder, traveling rings, giant stride, etc.
- 3. There should be a place for the exclusive use of boys more than ten years of age. Equipment: Horizontal bars, parallel bars, flying rings, climbing poles, etc.

Swimming pools are essential in every playground and should be used on separate days by group two and three.

A playground should be within five minutes' walk of every child, and if we allow a playground for every twenty thousand of our city's population, we may find a standard to distribute the playgrounds in the different districts. Better three small playgrounds than one large one.

Each playground should have a playfield, also a field-house equipped with baths, dressing-rooms, assembly hall, reading-rooms, etc.

Conscious of the fact that these conditions can not materialize at once, I take the liberty to call your attention to the following improvements:

- 1. To resurface the playgrounds similar to the Inwood grounds.
- 2. To rearrange the apparatus for separate departments for boys and girls, and enclose these departments.
- 3. To eliminate such apparatus from the grounds which endanger the safety of the children, such as wipple ladder or tilt ladder.
- 4. To install such apparatus which will offer the utmost opportunity for good all-round bodily exercise, such as horizontal ladder, flying rings, etc.
- 5. To erect field and shelter-houses, so the work may be carried on in inclement weather.

6. To arrange a special schedule for the activities of boys and girls over fifteen years of age.

Since the employment of playground directors extends only over a period of six months, great difficulty was found to secure the service of trained teachers. To overcome this I recommended the institution of a playground course, instruction to be open for men and women over eighteen years of age.

Respectfully submitted, N. C. SEUSS. Director of Playgrounds.

# AREA, DATE OF ACQUISITION, AND COST

# Of Property Comprising Parks of Cincinnati on December 31, 1910

	Cost of Land	Acreage
OLD PARKS		
EDEN PARK		214.25
Land leased from Dec. 1, 1865, to Jan. 1, 1809 633,514 81 Land leased from Jan. 1, 1809, to Dec. 31, 1908 214,500 00		
Total payments on leaseholds 848,014 81		
Land for Eden Park was purchased in 1869, 1868, 1869, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1880, 1881 and 1893 at a cost of		
Total cost of Eden Park property	1,699,927 81	
BURNET WOODS.		163.50
Land leased from Oct. 18, 1872, to July 1, 1881 256,355 68		
Land for Burnet Woods was purchased in 1881 490,500 00		
Total cost of Burnet Woods property	746,855 68	
HOPKINS PARK		1.00
Given to the city for park purposes on Jan. 18, 1866, by Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins, in whose honor the park was named.		
LINCOLN PARK	·	10.00
Acquired through exchanges of lund. Six acres were acquired by first exchange on Mar. 1, 1834, and four acres acquired by second exchange on Aug. 14, 1837. The land acquired thus was used as a Potter's Field (the pest-house being located thereon, also) for about twenty years. Steps were first taken to convert it into a park in June, 1858.		
WASHINGTON PARK	138,050 00	5. <b>6</b> 0
GARFIELD PARK		1.00
This land was given to the city on Apr. 9, 1817, by John H. Piatt and Benjamin Piatt, to be used as a market space. It was protected by an ordinance passed by Council, and used as a park as early as Apr. 6, 1843, and on June 19, 1868, it was dedicated formally to park use.		
Total cost and acreage of old park property	\$2,584,833 49	395.85
PROPERTY ACQUIRED FROM 1904 TO 1908, INCLUSIVE		
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905		.16
VINE AND HOLLISTER PARK		2.50
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905.	14,429 82	2.30
Carried forward	\$16,810 09	2.66
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	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	16,310 00	2.66
EAST END PARK	36,555 42	7.50
AUBURN PLACE	21,640 17	.8
McKINLEY PLACE	50,694 39	1.21
CALHOUN-STREET EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS. Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1907	·	1.50
LUDLOW-AVENUE EXTENSION OF BURNET WOODS		2.20
LYTLE PARK	81,898 54	1.38
Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1908 OWL'S NEST PARK	242,922 31	5.8
Gift of Chas. E. Perkins and Edw. C. Perkins, in memory of their father. James Handasvd Perkins, and their mother. Sarah Elliott Perkins. Accepted by the city on July 31, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc	382 83	
WILSON COMMON	185 55	8.396
NOYES PARK.  Gift of Jos. C. and Alice H. Noyes for park and public playground purposes. Accepted by the city on July 27, 1808.		10.70
HUNT-STREET ATHLETIC GROUNDSLand purchased in 1905, 1906 and 1908	248,580 93	12.8
HYDE PARK BURYING GROUND		2.866
INWOOD PARK	108,361 63	19.492
GILBERT AVENUE AND ELSINORE CORNER (Extension to Eden Park)	10 204 00	.2
Land purchased in 1904 and 1905	12,324 90 255,865 47	2.33
HUBBARD TRACTLand purchased in 1997	17,393 62	10.00
LINWOOD PARK	ı	.25
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired from a 1904 to 1906, inclusive,	\$1,165,742 41	90.068
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 1909		
MT. ECHO PARK	61,151 40	46.586
YOUNG AND RINGGOLD STREETS	25,498 76	1.996
Carried forward	<b>\$86,650</b> 16	48,582

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	86,650 16	48.562
NURSERY		23.29
HANNA PLAYGROUND	<u> </u>	1.00
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired during the year 1909	<b>\$86,650</b> 16	72.872
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 1910		
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD	32,801 17	4.00
WELLINGTON PLACE. Extension to Inwood Park.	2,168 17	.817
WULSIN TRACT		.95
PEARL-STREET PLAYGROUND	!	.44
ROCHELLE AND FALKE STREETS		.072
WARSAW AND WOODLAWN AVENUES		1.157
MAYFIELD AND CARSON STREETS		2.053
ST. CLAIR ST., JEFFERSON AVE. AND ZELTNER ST Acquired by transfer, etc.		.50
HYDE PARK FOUNTAIN		.25
WESTWOOD COMMONS		26.00
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired dur- ing the year 1910	\$43,828 86	35.739
Total cost and acreage of all park property on Dec. 31, 1910.	\$3,883,064 <b>9</b> 2	594.024

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1908 (Park Department of the Board of Public Service)



# PUBLIC PARKS AND FOUNTAINS

Tax Appropriation Allowed by Counci	il. '			
Urdinary:				
4 X 1. Superintendent	2,500			
4 X 2. Officers and clerks	2,440			
4 X 3. Furniture and fixtures	59			
4 X 4. Stationery and office supplies	282			
4 X 5. Incidentals				
4 X 7. Fuel and Light				
4 X 8. Materials				
4 X 10. Park policemen				
4 X 11. Concerts				
Extraordinary:				
4 X 21. Park furniture and implements	410	00		
4 X 23. Grading, paving and sewering	42			
4 X 24. Fountains	1,423	00		
-			77,494	00
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Received from Sales of Material, Rents, Refresh-	ı			
ment Privileges, Soap-and-Towel Fees, etc.,				
and Turned into the City Treasury.				
Rents from house on Wilson Common	165	00		
University of Cincinnati, for work done on University, grounds by Park Department	150	25		
Refreshment and boating privileges at Eden and Lincoln Parks				
and Burnet Woods	549	00		
Towel-and-soap fees from Public Comfort Station at Es- planade	174	75		
Total	\$1.039			
	<del></del>	=		
EXPENDITURES				
Ordinary:				
4 X 1. Superintendent	2,500	00		
4 X 2. Officers and clerks.	2,419			
4 X 3. Furniture and fixtures	58			
4 X 4. Stationery and office supplies	281	07		
4 X 5. Incidentals 5,328 81				
. Less refunders 24 50				
4 X 6. Payrolls—Laborers	5,304			
4 X 7. Fuel and Light				
4 X 8. Materials				
4 X 10. Park policemen				
4 X 11. Park concerts				
Extraordinary:				
•	410	^		
4 X 21. Park furniture and implements	410 41			
4 X 24. Fountains				
	4,741		77.252	07
Balance on hand December 31, 1908, reverting to General Fund.	. <b>.</b>		241	
		=	\$77,49 <b>4</b>	<del>00</del>

# COST OF MAINTAINING EACH PARK IN 1908

Auburn Place:				
Payrolls			610	28
Sprinkling adjoining streets	62	00		
Trees and shrubs	20	00		
Park benches	20	50		
			102	50
Total expenses at Auburn Place	· • · · · · · · ·		\$712	78
Burnet Woods:				
Payrolls			10,427	20
Electric light, wiring, etc	65	14		
Blacksmith and wagon repairs	155	45		
Fuel for steam-roller and shelter-house	116	85		
Harness and harness repairs	26	47		
Horseshoeing and bedding	144	60		
Feed for horses	597	63		
Hardware, tools, etc	63	34		
Drain tile, cement, sand and sewer-pipe	96	25		
Plants, grass seed, etc	61	25		
Tanbark	40	00		
Rubber hose	10	00		
Steam-roller repairs	14	12		
Repairs to porch damaged by blasting	44	99		
Mall-box		90		
Canvas, etc., for leaves	8	70		
Crushing stone in rented crusher	234	74		
Crushed stone	416	79		
Plumbing repairs	155	11		
Paint brushes, glass cutters, etc	4	35		
Grindstone and fittings	16	01		
Materials used in reconstructing Hill Shelter-house—lumber, , plastering, galvanized tin, paint, varnish, glass, etc	622	54		
Sprinkling	478	80		
Swing rope	6	60		
Lumber	33	84		
Oil and axle grease	7	95		
Park benches	82	00		
Services of teams in repairing driveways	303	75		
Catch-basin grates	35	00		
Insurance on stable	81	00		
•		_	3,924	47
Total expense at Burnet Woods			14,351	67
Eden Park:		Ξ		==
Payrolls			23,247	41
Blacksmith and wagon repairs	55			
Hose and couplings.	177	_		
Lumber	245	_		
•				
Amount carried forward	<b>\$478</b>	71	23,247	41

Amount brought forward	478 71	23,247	4
Pipe, pipe fittings, etc	89 34		
Fuel	1,097 18		
Harness and harness repairs	£0 55		
Lawn-boots	6 00		
Car service and freight charges	20 45		
Feed	1,243 59		
Horseshoeing and bedding	225 37		
Music stands	30 00		
Crushed and broken stone	417 67		
Flower pots, cane stakes, moss, etc	65 75		
Salt	31 50	•	
Brooms, brushes, matches, soap, sponges, etc	50 50		
Sand, cement, drain tile, sewer-pipe, etc	137 70		
Steam-roller repairs	341 93		
Horse medicine	5 00		
Walling in boilers.	264 42		
<del>-</del>	20 50		
Grates for Green House and steam fitting			
Electric light	98 74		
Cylinder, engine and headlight oil	21 97		
Insurance	71 50		
Nico-fume tobacco paper, sulphur and lime, arsenate of lead, and quassi chip	143 73		
Plants, flower and grass seed, sod, etc	615 47		
Drinking cups	20 00		
Flags	13 40		
Glass, paint, turpentine, whiting, coal tar, etc	236 96		
Hauling plants, tissue paper, rubber stamps, etc	6 50		
Hardware, tools, etc	415 02		
Disinfectant	45 00		
Telephones	120 00		
Plumbing repairs	48 55		
Spraying apparatus	357 00		
Sprinkling oil	286 52		
Scrap soap	31 00		
Park benches	215 25		
Fertilizer	22 71		
Stove-pipe, etc	24 50		
Pump and repairs	29 05		
Ice	14 62	7,455	•
Total expense at Eden Park	<i></i>		_
pkins Park:	;		=
Payrolls		719	
Gas light and care of lamps	71 30		
Cement-walk repairs	41 44		
	62 00		
Sprinkling	62 00 4 25		
Repairs to padlock and hose reel	4 25	178	
Total expense at Hopkins Park		\$898	
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ncoln Park:		3,173	
Payrolls			
	11 70 822 48	)	

Amount brought forward	834 18	3.178 00
Sprinkling	385 0	^
Disinfectant		
Sand		
Cleaning monuments	20 0	
Plants, trees, sod, etc	15 2	5
Plumbing work	13 1	5
Howe and couplings	44 0	0
Hardware, tools, etc		
Sprinkler	4 7	
Total expense at Lincoln Park		- 1,349 17 \$4,522 17
Lytle Park:		
Payrolls		. 1,747 68
Fuel		
Electric light		
Cement, gravel and saud		
Lumber	•	
Plants, trees and shrubs	17 50	)
Plumbing repairs	18 6	5
Hardware, tools, etc	23 4	2
Electric work	87 3	5 - 40999
Total expense at Lytle Park		\$2,157 67
McKinley Place:  Payrolls  Plumbing work and repairs  Fountain  Sard  Benches	116 86 27 3: 10 86	5 l D
Trees, shrubs and sod	36 0	0 - <b>242 2</b> 1
Total expense at McKinley Place		\$1,746 21
Office:		
Payrolis		. 5,035 53
Photographs		
Cleaning walls and rugs		)
Car tickets, engineers, etc		<b>D</b>
Expenses trip to Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station	42 80	D
Printing, stationery, office supplies, etc		
Annual Reports for 1906 and 1907		=
City and Florist's Directories	11 0	
Postage		
Telephones		-
Premiums on bonds, 1906 and 1907	40 00	
Repairs to chair and typewriter		
Clock-rental		
		- 1,011 62
Total expense for Office	• • • • • • • • •	\$6,707 15

Payrolls		\$737	=
vler-Davidson, Hyde Park and Other Fountains:			
Payrolls		1,910	(
Repairs to hose-reel	3 50		
Cellar-door	14 00		
Curbing	5 00		
Services of stonemason	45 99		
Glass	1 49		
Rent of tarpaulin	14 00		
Services of teams	198 00		
Paint and painting basin	45 46		
Plumbing work	153 78		
Brooms	13 50		
Sewer-pipe, stone, cement, sand and gravel	47 32		
Raising fountain	800 00		
Manure	12 00		
Disconnecting lamn Sod	1 44 104 12		
Inserting ferrule	10 00		
Rubber boots	3 20		
		972	
Total expense for Fountains		\$2,883	
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		685	
Sprinkling	62 00 20 50	060	
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Sprinkling	62 00 20 50	-	-
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Payrolls		510 00
Park benches	20 50	
Iron fence	148 80	
Rent	15 10	
Tools –	1 83	186 23
Total expense at Wilson Common	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<b>\$6</b> 96 23
Expenses Incidental to Administration of Superinten	dent of	Parks
Horse-keep	165 22	
Telephone (Superintendent's residence)	30 00	
Horseshoeing	32 50	
Convention expenses	70 75	
Advertisements for automobile,	10 40	
Automobile supplies, repairs, etc	572 52	
Buggy repairs	124 95	
Hire of buggy.	108 50	
Harness repairs	15 30	
Freight incline tickets	10 00	
Total expense incidental to administration of Superintendent of	Parks	\$1,140 14
	:	
General Expenses Chargeable to All Parks:		
Cash paid accounts, embracing the following: Periodicals, of- fice supplies, repairs to locks, keys and padlocks, tele- grams, and pay-station telepione charges, storage and ex- press charges, gas mantels, headlight oil, harness repairs, typewriter supplies, canton finnel. sprinkler, muriatic	57 24	
acid, cyanide of potassium, soap powder, repairs to tapes, gasoline and repairs for automobile, strainer, horseshoeing, lamplack, store place, etc.		
gasoline and repairs for automobile, strainer, horseshoeing, lampblack, stove-pipe, etc	95.00	
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Amount brought forward	581	22	1,522	00
Frames, printed forms, placards, signs, etc	46	00		
Towels, dust cloths, etc	. 44	22		
Cuspidors	24	00		
Mirrors	97	00		
Chairs, etc	195	00		•
011	1	75		
Tollet paper	212	00		
Couch, clotheshamper, rug, etc	51	20		
Thermometers and counters	12	00		
Door-mats, hose and nozzles	35	00		
Laundry work	27	95		
Carpenter work	3	06		
<del>-</del>			1,330	40
Total expense at Public Comfort Station		-	\$9 QK9	4

# PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND

property				50,000	"
Bond issue No. 676, authorized for improvement of Hubbi				10,000	00
Bond issue No. 677, authorized for improvement of Noyes				5,000	-
Bond issue No. 678, authorized for improvement of Hun-	t Street	Park	. <b></b>	10,000	00
Total Improvement Bond Issues		· · · · · · · · · · · ·		\$75,000	
EXPENDITURES			-		==
Paid from Bond Issue No. 426:					
Inwood Park:					
Payrolls		959	71		
Kessler plan for improving property, etc					
Concrete retaining wall and fence					
Sand, cement, sewer-pipe, brick, etc			85		
Advertising for bids			40		
Engineer's stakes	<del>.</del> .	. 25	00		
Sewer and tap	• · · • · · • · ·	65	00		
Blueprints			00		
Furnishing and laying pipe	. <b>.</b>	147	00		
Grading work		7,536		11,003	
Burnet Woods:					
Services of teams repairing driveways	· · · • • · · · ·	•••••		54	00
Eden Park:	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••••		54	00
Eden Park: Baseball Field south of Reservoir Wall				54	00
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Eden Park:  Baseball Field south of Reservoir Wall— Payroll: Cement, sewer-pipe, sand, etc Services of teams  Improvement of Driveways— Services of teams Broken stone Payrolls  Cement Steps at Grand and Morris Streets—	579 86 54 32 54 00 378 00 260 48 368 00	688	21	54	00
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Eden Park:  Baseball Field south of Reservoir Wall— Payroll: Cement, sewer-pipe, sand, etc Services of teams.  Improvement of Driveways— Services of teams. Broken stone. Payrolls  Cement Steps at Grand and Morris Streets— Payrolls Cement Lumber and forms. Twisted iron rods. Cinders	579 88 54 32 54 00 378 00 260 48 368 00 108 10 60 60 51 00 6 00	688	21 48		
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Amount brought forward				13,537	92
Engineers, Rodmen, Engineering Supplies,	Etc.	. <b>:</b>			
Payrolls			1,119 26	:	
Supplies			8 66		
Repairs to tapes			3 80		
Lytle Park:		•	<del></del>	1,131	72
Steps and Iron Fence—					
Cement work	0.4	00			
Cinders		25			
Cement steps and copings		00			
		<u> </u>	184 25		
Electric Service—					
Underground mains	200				
Lamps, etc		20			
Wiring, etc	*1	00	269 20		
T		•		453	45
Hunt Street Park:					
Payrolls	695				
Services of teams	346	50	1,042 15		
Paid from Bond Issue No. 678:			1,042 10		
Payrolls	9.857	15			
Repairs to tools, etc		00			
Wheel scrapers	114	00			
lce	16	85			
Paid from Bond Issue No. 426:		_	10,000 00	11,042	15
Hubbard Tract:					
Blueprints			75		
Pald from Bond Issue No. 678:					
Payrolls	6,692	28			
Cement, sewer brick, sand, etc		20			
Scrapers	114				
Plow		00			
Repairs to tools	327	90			
-		_	7,280 22		
Paid from Bond Issue No. 677:		-		7,280	97
Noyes Park:					
Payrolis			2,656 20		
Locks, hinges, etc			1 25		
Sharpening tools			30		
Breaking stone			6 66		
-		-		2,664	41
Total paid from Improvement Bond Issues				36,110	62
Balance on hand December 31, 1909, as follows:					
Ordinance No. 426			33,834 01		
Ordinance No. 676			2,719 78		
Ordinance No. 677			2,335 59		
Ordinance no. over		_		28 880	28
ordinance no. ordinance no.		•		38,889 \$75,000	

# CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC COMFORT STATION AT TYLER DAVIDSON FOUNTAIN ESPLANADE

Bond issue for purpose of constructing Public Comfort Station at Davidson Fountain Esplanade	Tyler	;	25,000	00
Deducting payments made in 1997		<b>.</b>	4.332	82
Balance on hand December 31, 1907			\$20,667	18
EXPENDITURES				
Advertising	26	17		
Wm. Attlesey, contractor	16,164	75		
Heating system	1,290	00		
Marble work	609	63		
Electric fans, bells, etc	43	35		
Lockers, hooks, etc	161	40		
Hardware	231	60		
Architect's fees for plans and superintendence	610		19,136	82
Balance on hand December 31, 1908		• • •	1,530	36
			\$20,667	18

# PARK EXTENSION FUND

The following statement includes all Receipts and Expenditures since the first issue of bonds for purchase and improvement of new park property in 1904 under the Longworth Act.

Matalanadata As Dagambar 21, 1907		250 007 01
Total receipts to December 31, 1907		,308,027 81
Receipts for 1908:  Bond issue authorized by Ordinance No. 267, for purchase and improvement of Mt. Echo property	85,000 <b>00</b>	
Refunder 12 65		
Refunder 31 51		
Damage by fire		
	74 16	65,074 16
Total receipts to December 31, 1908	<b>.</b>	
The following revenue was derived, as stated, and into the City Treasury:	turned	
Sale of wood from Inwood Park	63 90	
Receipts from Reut of Buildings situated on Newly-acquired Park Property:		
Ludlow Avenue Triangle houses		
Inwood Park houses		
Bar, Mound, Kenyon avenue and Cutter street houses 515 10		
	871 80	
Total receipts from sales, rents, etc	\$935 70	•
EXPENDITURES		
Expense connected with printing, advertising, etc., of bond issues		
1908—Expense connected with printing, advertising,		
etc., of bond issues		
	1,564 00	
Premiums and accrued interest on bonds sold, and rents and receipts from sales of houses, etc., turned over to Sinking Fund Trustees, in accordance to law	73,355 87	
Total expense connected with Park Extension Bonds		74,919 00
Ordinance No. 672—Engineers, rodman, etc		4,894 00
Vine and Hollister property		
Improvement to Vine and Hollister Park	6,044 50	
Total, Vine and Hollister Park		20,474 32
Burnet Avenue and Reading Road property		
Improvement to Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Triangle	673 53	
Total, Burnet Avenue and Reading Road Triangle	· · · · · · · · · ·	2,553 80
Amount carried forward		\$102,842 75

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Amount brought forward		102,842 75
East End Park property	,,,,,,,	
1908- Improvement to East End Park. 499 0		
1908- Improvement to cast and rate	1.161 50	
Total, East End Park		37,716 92
Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore property	. 12,324 90	
Improvement to Gilbert Avenue and Elsinore corner	386 53	
Total, Glibert Avenue and Elsinore corner		12,711 43
Lytle Park property	1	
1908Lytle Park property 24 0	0 - 242,922 31	
<del></del>		
Improvement of Lytle Park 12,748 1	<u> </u>	
Improvement of Lytle Park. 1,970 0	s - 14.724 25	
Total, Lytle Park property		257.646 56
Calhoun Street property	. 72,626 56	
Improvement to Calhoun Street property 4,179 2	5	
1908—Improvement to Calhoun Street property 130 0	4,309 <b>25</b>	
Total, Calhoun Street extension		76,935 81
McKinley Place property	. 50,694 39	
Improvement to McKinley Place	. 5,066 44	
Total, McKinley Place		55,760 83
Auburn Place property		
1908—Auburn Place property	2	
<del></del>	- 21,040 11	
Improvement to Auburn Place		
Total, Auburn Place	<b></b>	26,482 17
Owls' Nest Park (taxes, recording deed, etc.)	. 382 83	
Improvement to Owis' Nest Park	. 178 28	
Total, Owls' Nest Park		561 11
Wilson Common (taxes, recording deed, etc.)		
1908 Improvement to Wilson Common	11 00	
		185 55
Total, Wilson Common		
Fourth, Fifth, Park and Mill Streets property (examination o		390 00
Hunt Street Park property	3	
1908—Hunt Street Park property 787 8	0 - 248,580   93	
Improvement to Hunt Street Park 9,050 5	23(1,001) (1)	
1508—Improvement to Hunt Street Park	R	
International Contract Contrac	- 12,314 54	
Total, Hunt Street Park		200,895 47
= 1 - 1		
Inwood Park property	, 5	
1908Inwood Park property	-108,361 63	
Inwood Park improvement 20 0	)	
Inwood Park improvement 20 0 1908—Inwood Park improvement 27 0	7 - 47 07	
Total, Inwood Park		
Amount carried forward		\$940,537 90
attending control and control of the		

Sinton Park property		
Sinton Park property		
-Improvement to Sinton Park property		
Total, Sinton Park property	37,504	71
Ludlow Avenue Triangle property 81,784 06		
-Ludlow Avenue Triangle property 114 48		
81,898 54		
-Lddlow Avenue Triangle improvement		
Total, Ludiow Avenue Triangle 8	3,040	54
	7,393	62
Miscellaneous expenses connected with purchase of new parks 539 26		
Miscellaneous expenses connected with improvement of new park property		
Total miscellaneous expenses for parks	920	26
Columbia Avenue Park property	2	00
Expenses of Park Commission 9,783 25	_	_
-Expenses of Park Commission		
Total expenses of Park Commission	9,934	40
-Mt. Echo Park property	1	44
Total Expenditures for 1906	9.343	87
Balance on hand December 31, 1908 103		

# COMBINED PUBLIC COMFORT AND SHELTER STATION, EDEN PARK

Bond Issue No. 680, authorized for constructing a Combined Public Comfort	15,000 00
Balance on hand December 31, 1008	5,000 00



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1909



# COST OF MAINTAINING PARKS IN 1909

Total Receipts for the Year 1909		\$85,988 	;
EXPENDITURES			
ministration:			
Payrolls	7,369 21		
Office expense	237 90		
Printing and stationery	517 70		
Insurance	134 50		
Repairs	170 65		
Replenishing	99 56		
Incidentals	1.063 91		
Premiums on bonds.	105 55		
Auto supplies and repairs	1.387 39		
Purchase of auto	2,000 00		
Furniture and fixtures	1.517 73		
•		14,604	ė
len Park:			
Payrolls	21,599 37		
Police	3,088 00	)	
Light	98 31		
Fuel	1,016 26	1	
Rent	22 83	;	
Roadway material and maintenance	1.011 11		
Sprinkling	346 80	)	
Repairs to property	456 47		
Replenishing	271 62	!	
Chemicals and fertilizers	93 15	,	
Repairs to vehicles, apparatus and equipment	377 70		
Concerts	1,000 00	•	
Feed	1,090 88	i	
Care of horses, shoeing, veterinary, etc	187 59	)	
Incidentals	138 40		
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed	491 81		
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers	69 72	:	
Benches, furniture and fixtures	158 33	:	
Tools and implements	115 08	;	
Horses	225 00		
Wy	265 00	,	
Wagons and equipment			

Amount brought forward		46,955 93
Burnet Woods:		
Payrolls	5.733 69	
Police	2.688 00	
Light	50 20	
Fuel	53 05	
Rent	12 14	
Roadway material and maintenance	114 53	
Sprinkling	218 46	
Repairs to property	309 47	
Replenishing	47 92	
Chemicals and fertilizers	145 95	
Remirs to vehicles, apparatus and equipment	78 110	
Feed	577 17	
Care of horses, shoeing, veterinary, etc	76 90	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	10 55	
incidentals  Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed	37 50	
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers	17 19	
Benches, furniture and fixtures	26 06	
Tools and implements	16 65	
Horses	215 00	
Wagon: and equipment	13 50	
wagna and equipment		10,443 73
Lincoln Park:		
Payrolls	1,360 97	
Police	1,138 00	
Light	365 39	
Fuel	9 00	
Sprinkling	210 00	
Playground expense	14 23	
Repairs to property	70 38	
Replenishing	85 06	
Chemicals and fertilizers	22 50	
Incidentals	10 37	
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers	3 00	3.288 89
W blanchen and Candold Dawker		
Washington and Garfield Parks:	0.004 ***	
Payrolls	2,084 32	
Police	1,836 00	
Light	33 40	
Fuel	16 99	
Sprinkling	171 42	
Repairs to property	93 20	
Chemicals and fertilizers	50 00	
Repairs to vehicles, apparatus and equipment	30	
Incidentals	83 58	
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed	23 00	
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers	661 55	
Benches, furniture and fixtures	8 50	
Tools and implements	13 87	
Apparatus	31 50	5,067 63
Amount carried forward		\$65,746 18

Amount brought forward		65,746	18
Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:			
Payrolls	627 50		
Police	718 00		
Rent	6 10		
Repairs to property.	31 25		
Incidentals	675 00		
Benches, furniture and fixtures.	52 00		
Apparatus	19 99		
		2,129 8	34
Sinton Park:			
Payrolls	1,188 83		
Police	428 00		
Light	89 10		
Fuel	87 21		
Sprinkling	148 12		
Reapirs to property	3 82		
Replenishing	84 94		
Chemicals and fertilizers	1 89		
Incidentals	62 57		
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers	3 50		
Buildings and fountains	36 00		
Benches, furniture and fixtures	26 15		
Tools and implements	1 00		
Wagons and equipment	104 25		
Apparatus	35 50		
·		2,300 8	18
Hubbard Tract.			
Pol!ce	26 00		
Incidentals4	10 00		
Inwood Park:		36 0	<b>X</b> U
Sprinkling	120 00		
Incidentals	20 00		
Apparatus	11 59	151 5	<b>.</b>
Mt. Echo Park:		101 0	,,,
Payrolls	145 91		
Roadway material and maintenance	228 31		
Apparatus	20 92		
-		395 1	4
Woodward Park:			
Payrolls	407 70		
Replenishing	3 55		
Incidentals	4 95		
Apparatus	19 89		
William Walliston Structus Donks		436 0	)9
Vine and Hollister Streets Park:			
Payrolls	714 00		
Sprinkling	30 00		
Repairs to property	<b>8 0</b> 0		
Incidentals	8 92		
Tools and implements	7 50	768 4	9
·	-		_
Amount carried forward		71,984 1	4

Amount brought forward		71,964	14
Lytle Park:			
Payrolls	1.394 37	,	
Police	804 00		
Light	392 97		
Playground expense	128 50		
Repairs to property	39 70		
Replenishing	34 89		
Incidentals	24 00		
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed	10 00		
Benches, furniture and fixtures	66 00	2,894	48
McKinley Place:			
Payrolis	657 68		
Police	832 00	)	
Light	3 80		
Sprinkling	50 00		
Playground expense	7 60	ı	
Repairs to property	24 93		
Incidentals	13 25		
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed	10 00		
Concrete walls and walks, fences, drains and sewers	19 95		
Contrict warms and warms, reaces, trained and newers,	10 00	1,619	22
Owls' Nest Park:			
Payrolls	407 10	407	10
Wilson Common:		201	••
Payrolis	512 00	,	
Incidentals	10 00		
Real estate	15 10		
Tools and implements.	10 10		
Tools and implements		538	00
Auburn Place:			
Payrolls	320 11		
Sprinkling	30 00		
		350	11
Probasco Fountain:			
Services of fountain-tender	50 00	)	
•			90
Hyde Park Fountain:			
Services of fountain-tender	62 50		50
Hopkins Park:		_	
Payrolls	354 59	)	
Police	122 00	)	
Chemicals and fertilizers	5 50	)	
Sprinkling	30 00	•	
Light	44 28		
East End Park:		556	37
Payrolla	423 62	,	
	423 62 50		
Incidentals			
Repairs to property	18 27		
Replenishing	2 40		
Apparatus	19 71	464	50
Amount carried forward			

Amount brought forward		78,906	42
Forestry and Nursery Department:			
Forester and help	1,901 36	3	
Nursery help	2,554 68	5	
Repairs to property	25 2	,	
Replenishing	31 92	2	
Chemicals and fertilizers	237 15	<b>i</b>	
Repairs to vehicles, apparatus and equipment	11 56	3	
Feed	358 72	2	
Care of horses, shoeing, veterinary, etc	31 46	i	
Incidentals	75 80	)	
Plants, sodding, trees, shrubs and seed	33 36	3	
Real estate	320 82	:	
Buildings	63 35	i	
Benches, furniture and fixtures	51 10	)	
Tools and implements	117 38	3	
Horses	450 00	)	
Wagons and equipment	115 40	)	
Apparatus	328 67		
•		6,707	99
Madison Park:			
Payrolis	249 57		
Sprinkling	122 43		
•		372	00
Total Expenditures for the Year 1909		*07.000	٠.
•		****	
Balance on hand December 81, 1909		1	70
		\$85,988	17

### PARK EXTENSION FUND

EXPENDITURES  Binton Park:  Payrolls Shelter-house Wall, walks and fence Playground apparatus  Burnet Avenue and Reading Road:	24,893 2,126	80 93		
Payrolis Shelter-house Wall, walks and fence Playground apparatus	24,893 2,126	80 93		
Shelter-house Wall, walks and fence Playground apparatus	24,893 2,126	80 93		
Wall, walks and fence Playground apparatus	2.126	93		
Playground apparatus	,			
	1.887			
Burnet Avenue and Reading Road:			32,495	<b>2</b>
Transferring property on tax duplicate	55	67		
Refunding taxes	87	53		
Sheriff's deed and recording deed	5	30		
Taxes	9	70	150	
		_	158	; z
Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:				
Payrolls	3,108	33		
Expert services, appraising property		00		
Sewer brick and cement		25 —	3,146	. 5
Judlow-avenue Triangle:				
Payrolls	1.924	32		
Grass seed		00		
•		_	1,930	3
It. Echo Park:				
Payrolls	-,	~-		
Land. taxes, expert services and examination of titl		_		
Tools, broom, vise, rope, etc		45		
Benches	_	50		
Ladder Two two-wheel scraper	-	20 00		
Drain pipe	•	00		
Paint	4	00		
Balance on hand December 31, 9109			1.029	
Total		-		

### PARK IMPROVEMENT BONDS

### RECEIPTS

Balances Remaining in following Bond Issues Jan	uary 1,	1909:
Band Issue No. 426, authorized for improvements to new and ex-	33.834 01	
Bond Issue No. 676, authorized for improvement of Hubbard Tract		
Bond Issue No. 677, authorized for improvement of Hudoard Tract		1
Bond Issue No. 680, authorized for constructing a combined pub-		
lic comfort and shelter station at Eden Park	15,000 00	53,889 38
Bonds Issued during 1909:		60,000 00
Bond Issue No. 1128, authorized for general purposes	35,000 00	
Bond Issue No. 1341, authorized for the purchase and improve- iment of property at Young and Ringgold streets	25,500 00	
Bond Issue No. 1285, authorized for the purpose of completing improvement of Inwood Park	35,000 00	
Bond Issue No. 1348, authorized for improving and completing a improvement of existing parks	25,000 00	
		120,500 00
Total Receipts		174,389 38
EXPENDITURES		
PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 426.		
Inwood Park:		
Payrolls	2.114 63	
Raising manholes	492 50	
Concrete wall and fence	2.631 68	
Grading	24,312 90	
Cement and sewer brick	11 50	
Engineers' supplies, tapes, etc	52 54	
Blueprints	5 40	
Car tickets (Engineers)	50 00	
Surveyor's stakes	25 00	29,696 15
Lytle Park:		
Iron fence	178 06	170.00
Nursery:		178 06
Payrolls	169 71	
Lumber	44 30	
Tools	71 57	
Trees and shrubs	2,000 00	
<del>-</del>		2,285 58
Amount carried forward		\$32,159 79

Amount brought forward		32,159	79
Eden Park: Advertising for bids for construction of shelter-house	6 50	R	50
Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:		U	.,,,
Payrolls	1.085 67		
Base ball stop fittings and sheathing	89 00		
Asphaltum paint	6 00		
Repairing and sharpening tools	14 20	1.194	87
PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 676.		2,200	.,,
Hubbard Tract:			
Payrolls	2,169 78		
Broken stone for roadways	457 70		
Two two-wheel scrapers	76 00 16 30		
Repairing tools and implements	10 30	2,719	78
PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 677.			
Woodward Park:	6 OFO 40		
Payrolls	2,258 © 76 PO		
-		2,335	59
PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 680.			
Eden Park:			
Advertising for bids for shelter-house	18 75		
Architectural services, plans of shelter-house and comfort station	672 28	691	03
PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 1128.			
Administration:	0 *** 00		
Payroll:	3,578 30 150 00		
Advertising for grading and steam roller	16 50		
Steam roller	2,375 00		
Car tickets (Engineers)	215 00		
Hatchet	85		
Engineers' stationery and supplies	19 98		
Hand-bags for engineers	5 00 48 00		
Surveyors' stakes	4 50		
Blueprints	7 60		
Repairing tapes	6 45		
Drafting table	22 00	6.359	10
Eden Park:		0,308	10
Benches	41 25		
Hubbard Tract:		41	25
Payrolls	5.208 89		
Sewer brick, pipe, cement and sand	17 90		
Stone forks	7 88		
Repairs to tools	28 75		
Wagon repairs	2 00		
Hauling stone for roadway	307 19		
Setters Axle grease.	82 50 2 10		
Zane predection		5,657	21
Amount carried forward			•

Amount brought forward		. 51,16	5 <b>2</b> 0
Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:			
Payrolls	5,971 4	2	
Pipe, flanges, guards and fittings for backstops	391 2	9	
Sewer pipe, lime and cement	. 17 5	0	
Repairs to tools and implements	44 8	0	
Grass and timothy seed		0	
Street brooms and sash cord	5 9	8	
Advertising for bids for apparatus		7	
Inwood Park:		- 6,521	1 76
Payrolls	5,266 2	4	
Drawing ferrules	. 50	0	
Grass and timothy see	95 0	0	
Farm tile and coment		0	
Advertising for bids for apparatus			
Pipe for apparatus		-	
Rakes			
DREES		- 5,602	50
Mt. Echo Park:		0,0.7	
Tools and implements	18 4	0	
Tools and implements	10 1		48
Sinton Park:			
Payrolls	2.873 8	1	
		-	
Drawing ferrules		-	
Lumber for bracing boiler-pit walls		-	
Rolling wading pool		•	
Pipe and fittings for apparatus			
Indoor balls, etc			
Settees		0	
Chairs			
Shovels, ladder, rakes, hose, etc	41 2	D	
Tools	7 3	4	
Solarine polish, muriatic acid and engine oil	5 2·	1	
Thermometers	3 7	5	
Brushes, buckets, mops and sprinkling caps	36 6	В	
Mats		0	
Woodward Park:		- 3,147	69
	0.045 4	•	
Payrolls	2,945 4		
Playground apparatus	367 3		
Pipe fitting for apparatus	210 0	_	
Flanges and pipe cutter	3 7		
Wire netting for backstops	25 59	•	
Padlock, copper wire, staples and nails	11 7	3	
Setteen	82 50	)	
Paint and brushes	38 9	)	
Cement, drain tile, etc	111 39	3	
Sand	12 00		
Brick dust (for tennis courts)	3 00		
Repairs to scraper, plow and harrow	10 50		
Repairing band stand and placing chairs at dedication services	4 00		
PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 1341.		3,826	24
Young and Ringgold Streets:			
Purchase of land	95 400 74	ı	
	40,705 (	25,498	76
Amount carried forward		\$95,780	63

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Amount brought forward		95,780 6
PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 1285.		
Inwood Park:		
Payrolls	2,513 03	
Brick, lime, cement and sewer pipe		
Plumbing and fittings for fountains	145 32	
Cement fountain	140 00	
Catch-basin grates	194 71	
Restoring street paving	12 89	
Repairing and sharpening tools	5 80	
Pick handles	4 50	
Grass and rye seed	138 00	3,184 3
PAID FROM BOND ISSUE No. 1348.		0,101 0
nwood Park:		
Payrolls	819 18	
Sod		
Advertising for bids for wading pool	7 00	
Repairs to tools	28 70	
Cement, sand, sewer pipe, brick, etc	287 90	
Gutter gratings and inlets		
Tours stores Ashlasta Commides		1,356 7
Hunt-street Athletic Grounds:	68 87	
Payrolls	467 79	
Pipe and fittings for apparatus	28 11	
Pipe, apparatus and goals		
Advertising for bids for cement work	4 26 38 33	
Lime, cement and sewer pipe	1.820 71	
Cement sidewalks		
Cement fountains		
Plumbing fittings for fountains	43 50	
Drawing ferrules	7 00	
Cutter wheels	48	
Grass and rye seed	84 00	
Examining title of Early & Daniel property	15 00	2,683 0
Hubbard Tract:		
Payrolls	24 50	
Advertising for bids for grading	4 00	28 5
Mt. Echo Park:		20 0
Payrolls	1,309 42	
Screenings and stone for roadway	478 78	
Coal (for steam roller)	26 00	
Advertising for bids for laying water mains	4 00	
Repairs to tools	8 60	
Sewer pipe and lime	9 90	
Drinking fountains	70 00	
Plumbing fittings for fountains	29 00	
Grass and rye seed	41 10	
Catch-basin grates	40 00	
Stone hooks	1 65	
Padlock, oil, etc	1 95	
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Amount brought forward	· · · · · · ·	10	05,053	6
Woodward Park:				
Castings for apparatrs	12	98		
Cement fountains	70	00		
Plumbing fittings for fountains	20	00		
Grass and rye seed	42	00	153	9
Rochelle and Falke Streets Triangle:				
Advertising for bids for cement work		24 00		
Plumbing fittings for fountains		50		
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Madison Park:				
Payrolis	89	50		
Hinges and padlock		80	90	3
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Balance in Bond Issue No. 426           Balance in Bond Issue No. 680           Balance in Bond Issue No. 1128		97		
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Payrolls	19 32	
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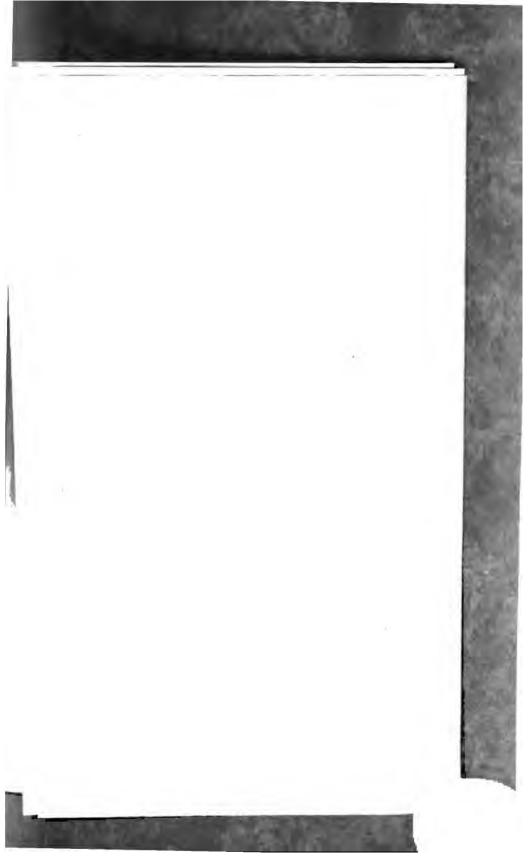
### DONATIONS

### RECEIPTS

Groesbeck Endowment Fund for Burnet Woods Concerts.....

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Julius and Mrs. Charles Fleischmann Donation for Down-town Con- Mary Hanna Donation for Improvement of Hanna Park		99	90 00 90 00 90 00
Total Receipts		\$15.73	8 06
EXPENDITURES			
Groesbeck Endowment Fund:			
Twelve concerts at Burnet Woods	1.872	00	
Programs			
Fleischmann Concert Fund:		1,90	6 00
Twenty-five concerts at various down-town parks	2,695	00	
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Mary Hanna Donation—Hanna Park:			
Payrolls	554		
Examining title	35		
Drawing ferrule	6		
Plumbing repairs		75 — 60	1 30
Annie Sinton Taft Donation-Sinton Park:		-	
Plans and specifications for shelter- and bath-house	763	72	
Payments on shelter- and bath-house	4.648	22	
Moving gas mains and installing underground service	168	09	
Moving pipe, drawing ferrule and connecting water mains	48	93	
Installing are lamps	491	10	
Bronze caps for lamp-posts	232	00	
Cement walk	154		
Sol	200		
Cement, lime and drain tile	145		
Cinders and gravel	62		
Lumber for walks	2 · 30 ·		
Wheelbarrows	18		
Pipe for apparatus	68		
Mirrors	94		
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Total Expenditures from Donations		\$12.39	4 26
Balances on hand December 31, 1909:			
Balance in Groesbeck Endowment Fund	82	06	
Balance in Fleischmann Concert Fund (transferred to General , Maintenance)	3	00	
Balance in Mary Hanna Donation	388	70	
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## REPORT

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# Board of Park Commissioners

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CITY OF CINCINNATI

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1911

### CINCINNATI:

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1912

### BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

### As Organized December 10, 1908.

L. A. Ault, PresidentAppointed for 3 years.	Term expires 1911
WM. GILBERT, Vice-President. Appointed for 2 years.	Term expires 1910
Julius FleischmannAppointed for 1 year.	Term expires 1909

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L. A. Ault, PresidentTerm expires 1911
Wm. GILBERT, Vice-PresidentTerm expires 1910
*Julius FleischmannReappointed for 3 years. Term expires 1912
George PuchtaAppointed June 23 to fill unexpired term of 3 years

### As Organized December 10, 1910.

#### Employes.

M. C. LONGENECKER Secretary and Executi	
George E. Kessler	Landscape Architect
C. H. Meeds	Chief Engineer
HERBERT GREENSMITHSup	erintendent of Maintenance

<sup>\*</sup>Resigned June 23, 1910.

### BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit a report for the year 1911, which will deal with the acquisition of park and playground properties more than a detailed report of the improvement and maintenance work that is carried on year after year in the older properties.

For the first time since its appointment the Board had funds at its disposal to proceed in accordance with the plan for a park system that had been adopted and accepted by the City Council in 1907, the commission of carrying out said plan having been entrusted to your Board.

With the receipt of the one million dollars as voted by the people for park purposes, a program of procedure was early adopted that provided for—

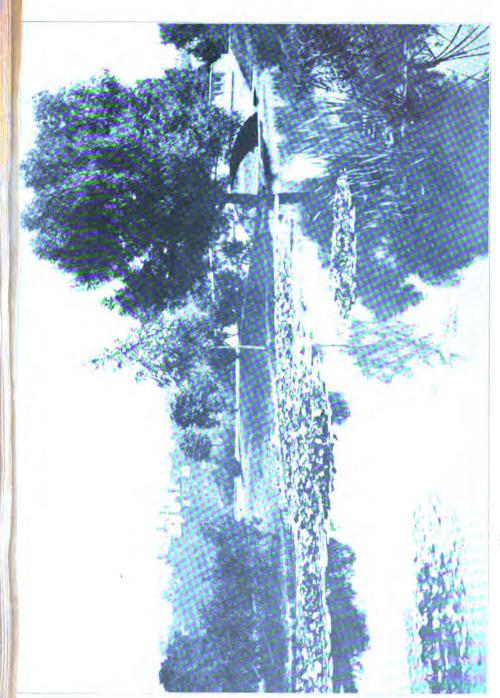
- 1. The purchase of large acreage tracts for general park purposes, objective sites, so located to serve best a distinct locality or portion of the city.
- 2. The acquisition of properties for parkways, to associate and connect the larger acreage tracts, that would serve and direct travel to the large park properties.
- 3. The selection of playground sites in the congested portions of the city.
- 4. The improvement of the existing park properties, all tending to a more inviting and practical use for the public at large.

The policy of this course needs but little explanation; but it can be said that Cincinnati has been endowed by nature with certain natural park properties, from which are to be had magnificent views of the surrounding country. To protect these unimproved properties to the city it became the manifest duty of the Board to acquire them at the earliest time, more especially at the then existing values, which have since been much

increased, owing to a revision of the taxing laws. The immediate demand, use or improvement of these larger park tracts could hardly be considered. Justification of the purchase of these large tracts on an acreage basis, and so distributed to the different sections of the city will, when associated by the parkways, be objective sites to be gone to, and should, with the tying together, be the means of determining the direction of the city's development in the next decade, and should eventually be without cost to the city with the consequent and positive increase in property values.

The parkways, of equal importance, extending to and from the larger park tracts, establishing lines of park property within easy and immediate access of the people, permit of fine residential properties all over the city, and do not localize any one particular section. Parkway improvements elsewhere have done much to advertise and make those cities more attractive. The general character of reaching out in all directions has resulted in drawing people to those cities to visit and also to established residence.

The playground as designed today, equipped with apparatus, sand-courts and wading-pools, is a movement to provide play and recreation centers in congested localities, and is a movement of recent years' growth. As an adjunct to the park system, it has developed a most popular demand. The scope of this unquestioned good work has a wide range, from the use of a small vacant lot in some cities, to a 15-acre city block in Chicago that approximates in cost a million dollars. It has been demonstrated that a playground will attract children within a radius of one-half mile, and it has been equally well established that the wading and swimming-pool will draw its patronage from four to five miles; therefore, in the selection of playground sites. the character of the improvement to be made had to be considered. It was the opinion of the Board that a number of small playgrounds distributed over the city were better than one or two sites of larger area and more expensive in land cost. accordance, and as a policy for purchase, a minimum size of twenty thousand square feet was adopted as the least area for playground purposes. Having developed in 1909 six playgrounds in the downtown districts, the Board this year has pur-



Water Gardens at East or Park Avenue Entrance to Eden Park

chased six additional playground sites. It has had one vacant property owned by the city transferred to its control; it is contemplated to rearrange three of the older parks for playground use, and one valuable site was most generously given for playground purposes by Mrs. Matilda H. Perin. All of these sites should be improved and completely equipped as playgrounds for the summer of 1912, which will give to Cincinnati a total of eighteen playgrounds (under the direction of your Board of Park Commissioners) that will excel most and compare with the best playgrounds in other cities of the country.

Three large athletic fields were acquired—two by purchase and one through donation—which offer, in addition to those already established, at least twenty-three ball diamonds for the season of 1912.

In all, ninety-two distinct lots, tracts or sites were acquired and deeded to the city for park purposes in the year of 1911. Consideration was given a considerable number of offerings in addition to those acquired. Values were scheduled and the properties viewed. Also condemnation proceedings were commenced on ten properties, possession being assured and only subject to pending court proceedings. No property has been listed, area stated nor included in the park system except such property as has been deeded and transferred to the city. A summarized list of the properties so acquired during the year being as follows:

#### Donations.

	Acreage
Ault Park (Linwood Heights) (given by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault)	150.
Property in Bloody Run Valley (given by Mrs. Eugenia H.	130.
Bragg)	2.10
Athletic Field in Camp Washington (given by Mr. and Mrs.	
C. P. Taft)	9.85
Seven lots in Crawfish Bottoms (Turkey Ridge District) (given	
by Mr. Wm. Worthington)	.47
Playground site at Hulbert and Freeman avenues (given by Mrs.	
Matilda H. Perin)	.596
Triangle at Rose Hill avenue and Reading road (given by Mr.	
Albert Mitchell)	.20
A tract in Sayler Park (given by Mr. Milton Sayler)	2.85

#### PROPERTIES PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR 1911.

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Mohawk Playground 1		10	.521
Mt. Storm Park	7,308	40	66.85
McFarlan Woods and Eckert Tract 13	3,265	96	121.45
	5,050	39	.65
Parker's Woods 4	6,940	50	31.50
Sycamore Street Playground 6-	4,734	26	.45
Third and Collard streets (transferred by act of			
Council)			1.50
Vine and Hollister Park (add ton to)	1,554	20	.287
Westwood Common 10	6,000	00	21.27
Woodward Park (addition to)	3,015	00	.569
Walnut Hills Playground 10	0,088	50	1.083
Western and McLean Playground	3,973	12	.127
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### Properties Acquired Through Annexation During the Year 1911.

Sayler Park	3.15
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Westwood Town Hall lot	.75

The spirit with which the Board has worked and the vast amount of property acquired found approval in the appreciation that a park system had been launched or started which opened at once the latent disposition of some of Cincinnati's philanthropic citizens to give to the city valuable property for park or playground purpose.

A noble example was set by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault in so magnanimously giving property in the eastern end of the city. approximately 143 acres in extent, one of the natural jewels in Cincinnati's crown, comprising rolling fields, deeply wooded vales and hillsides, abundant in virgin forest, swiftly running creek following through the valley, paralleled by a cool forest-protected roadway, and finally the crowning summit of Linwood Heights, the panorama from which, on a clear day, is magnificent, rivaling as it does the famous view from Lookout Mountain overlooking the Tennessee Valley.

With so commendable an act as precedent, other generous citizens came forward.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Taft donated a tract of approximately nine acres in Camp Washington, in the very center of a most thickly settled community. The value to the community can be best judged when it is understood that it will accommodate at least four ball diamonds, a number of tennis courts, and a small children's playground. The slopes and terrace surrounding, when parked, will form a natural amphitheatre surmounting the playfields.

The same generous spirit to do good for your fellow men undoubtedly prompted Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg in giving valuable property in the Bloody Run Valley, which will most materially assist the parkway scheme through this valley and prove to be one of the very best of the many schemes the Board will undertake.

Mrs. Matilda H. Perin gave a most valuable lot for playground purposes in the thickly settled west end of the city—a boon to the neighborhood.

Mr. Milton Sayler came forth with a 2.85-acre tract in Sayler Park, which, conjunctive with adjoining ground, will afford a park of over one-third of a mile along the Ohio River.

Seven lots in Crawfish Bottoms were received through the generosity of Wm. Worthington.

Mr. Albert Mitchell gave an attractive triangle of ground at Rose Hill avenue, Reading road and Mitchell avenue.

The Board has always advocated concerts, and in each succeeding year request has been made for money to carry out this purpose. But, due to economical reasons forced upon the city, this much desired purpose has of necessity been curtailed. Were it not for the generosity of our public-spirited citizens the much-appreciated band concerts would not have been possible.



NORTH FROM DRIVE AROUND MT. ADAMS, ACROSS AMPHITHEATRE, EDEN PARK

The proceeds from the \$50,000 endowment fund as provided by W. S. Groesbeck in 1875 were sufficient for thirteen concerts in Burnet Woods on Saturday afternoons throughout the summer season.

A like sum endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Schmidlapp returned sufficient income to provide for nineteen Sunday afternoon concerts in Eden Park.

The ever-generous spirit of Mr. Julius Fleischmann and his mother, Mrs. Charles Fleischmann, again provided the sum of \$2,616 for twenty-four concerts to be given throughout the week at the downtown parks. The very many people that attend these concerts attest the deep appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Fleischmann's munificence.

Due to the public spirit of the people of Hyde Park, concerts were given each Saturday night in the small park in the public square at Erie avenue and Edwards road.

The value of public concerts, especially in the downtown congested districts, cannot be questioned, and it only requires a visit to any park on concert night to assure one of the fact, and this should recommend the providing of public funds for concert purposes.

The statistical tables in the rear of the report will give a more thorough understanding of the extension, improvement and maintenance charges and expenditures, and the size, area and date of acquisition of the park properties, all denoting the continued growth and expansion of what is developing into a park system.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. LONGENECKER.

Secretary.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, O.:

GENTLEMEN—The work of the superintendent during the year was almost entirely one of maintenance. Little new work was attempted. The increasing duties of the ever-extending system have become so numerous, so varied and wide-spread, that even this work is already too large for one man to efficiently handle.

#### Auburn Place

This park proved to be very attractive to the number of patrons who found much restfulness in the beauty of the park and the excellent manner in which it was maintained.

The usual attractive bedding was well-cared for. Fifteen hundred cannas, geraniums, musa's coleus, etc., were used in its beautification in summer, whilst three thousand tulip bulbs were planted for its spring adornment.

### **Burnet Woods**

Work in this park was successfully prosecuted along lines adopted a year ago, with increasingly good results. Seven hundred and fifty cannas and geraniums were planted in five beds in the spring, and about two thousand tulips in the fall. Forty Norway maples, twelve elms and thirty yucca filamentosa were planted; many minor plots of grading was done, and the newlygraded area at Calhoun street and Clifton avenue seeded with good results.

Two sets of swing frames, twelve swings in all, and eight teeter boards of modern manufacture were much used, and were the means of drawing people to this park for family picnics. Work of reshaping and enlarging the lake was commenced in the late fall, but owing to the demand for skating the lake was refilled and the work postponed until after the ice had gone.

The construction of a new bandstand of concrete, providing a comfort station in the base of the structure, fulfilled a muchneeded improvement.

### Deer Creek Common

(Formerly Hunt Street Playground)

These grounds, so popular for base and football, were much improved, being surfaced with from four to 5 inches of loamy clay, requiring 925 loads, or approximately 1,475 yards, from which it is hoped a good stand of grass can be raised. This was uniformly leveled off, and in the fall grass seed was sown and then treated with 125 two-horse loads of well-rotted manure. The seed came up beautifully, but the incessant use to which these grounds are put makes it difficult to grow good sod.

Forty-three sycamore trees were planted along Reading road and protected with tree-boxes. Across the railroad good soil was placed along the fence in Johnston Park, and 1,500 California privet set out as a hedge.

There were 464 permits issued for scheduled games of ball. These figures do not include games played for which permits were not asked.

### Dempsey Park

(Formerly Hubbard Park)

The work at this place was continued in early spring. Eighty-seven good sized trees in 11 varieties were planted, and 56 shrubs in 4 varieties. The park was fairly well kept. The ballgrounds received particular attention, 45 scheduled games of ball being played by organized teams. In the interim the diamond was occupied continuously.



MUSIC PAVILION IN BURNET WOODS, ERECTED IN 1911.

### Eden Park

The work in Eden Park was greatly facilitated and much benefit derived by a division of the park into two sections, each under a sub-foreman, who vied with each other in the general upkeep of their charge, the result of which was quite apparent to all.

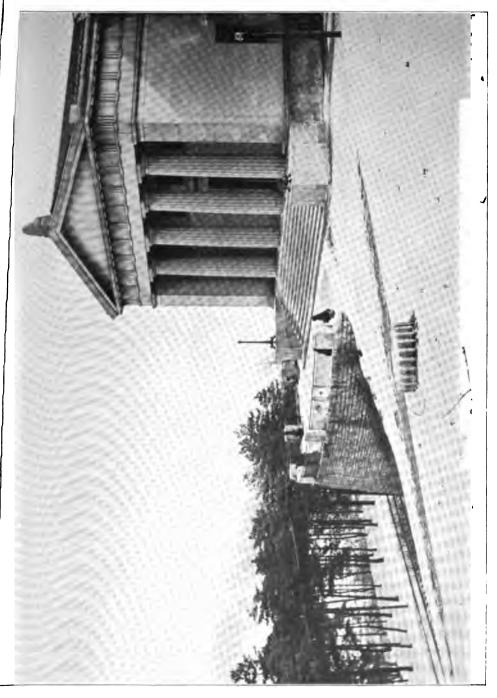
Seventy conifers, 675 mahonias, 60 yuccas filamentosa, 81 shrubs, and 250 trees in 7 varieties were planted, besides the usual summer bedding features, for which 16,800 plants were used.

Substantial improvements were made before the greenhouses were painted; new flues were built for both steam boilers, and additional repairs and improvements were made by constructing a cement and iron cold frame 12 feet wide by 50 feet long. Rustic stone and cement benches were placed in the southern end of the large show house, which has been much admired.

A retaining wall 110 feet long by 20 feet wide, and approximately 3 feet 6 inches high, was built at the southwestern corner of the reservoir. A path 6 feet wide and 720 feet long was excavated by cutting into the hillside, the path macadamized, drained and covered with cinders, and leads along the slopes of the wooded hillside between reservoir and the roadway to Mt. Adams from the Gilbert avenue entrance. Work was commenced on the easterly connection of this pathway leading towards Martin street or the Waterworks cottage, and will be completed this coming summer.

A pathway and stone steps from the main driveway (Park avenue) just below the greenhouses were constructed down the hillside in a winding manner to the southside of the Waterworks Pumping Station. The whole hillside in this vicinity was cut back and regraded, and over one hundred shrubs planted, which completed a very attractive and desirable improvement. Much grading and quarrying of stone was also done on the Cliff drive.

The pathway from Morris street, leading southward towards the Art Museum, was cut back and made two feet wider, macadamized, resurfaced, and the slopes graded to meet new conditions.



NORTH FACADE AND TERRACE, ART MUSEUM, EDEN PARK

The large lake in the upper portion of the park, which had been devoid of water for several years on account of its leaky condition, was finally made watertight by digging out the porous stone bottom and replacing, to a depth of two feet, with approximately one thousand yards of good brick clay, well packed and puddled. The coping at the overflow was reset, and the whole lake put in presentable condition. In addition to the general embellishment to the park, the lake afforded splendid skating throughout the winter season.

The ballgrounds near the reservoir walls were graded and a new backstop and hood erected.

The musicstand and its surroundings were put in good order and maintained during the summer months. Eighteen concerts were given, and were well attended. The increasing number of vehicles, the congestion of travel on the main road, and the increasing noise, all tend to recommend a change of location of the bandstand.

### Hanna Playground

A large covered canopy baby swing frame was erected and equipped with six swings and six hammocks. These proved very beneficial and popular.

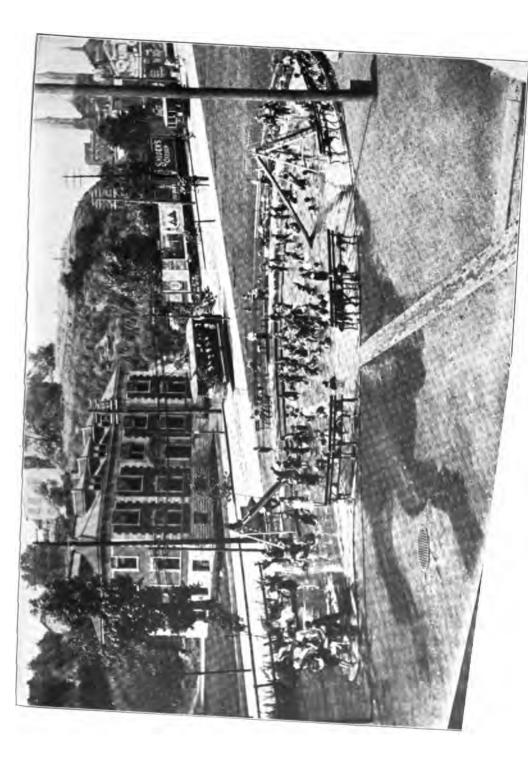
Sixteen sycamore trees were planted and tree-boxes made by the department were placed, and two small groups of shrubbery planted at each side of the entrance, giving the place a brighter and more cheery aspect.

### Inwood Park

Owing to the difficulties in getting grass seed started in the shallow rocky soil in this park, much regrading and resurfacing with both soil and manure has been done. Much of the manure has been donated, while over 100 loads have been bought and nearly 150 two-horse loads of soil placed, besides taking advantage of a near neighbor at odd times in securing good top soil.

Grading in the upper northwest corner was continued, and 250 English field maples were planted.

The lake was stocked with gold fish from Washington Park and Burnet Woods.



Excellent skating was enjoyed by great numbers, especially in the evening, when the scene was enlivened by large log fires around the lake.

A large galvanized flag pole, fifty feet high, was placed on the playgrounds. The playground was largely patronized and well kept, considering the erection of the new shelter house.

The ballgrounds in the upper portion of this park, which were fenced in to keep balls from rolling over and down the hill, surround these elevated grounds. The surface was well kept, and 115 scheduled games of ball played.

### Lincoln Park

Maintenance in this park did not show up to its usual standard, being in a thickly manufacturing settlement. It is one of those difficult problems which requires skill to successfully handle.

A hedge of privet along Hopkins street, containing 2,275 privet, was planted, 13 trees replaced and 50 shrubs planted. Twenty-six hundred summer bedding plants were put out in the various flower beds in the spring, and these were followed up in the fall by planting 6,800 tulip bulbs.

Twelve swings and two teeterboards were placed on the playgrounds, and were very much in evidence until very late in fall, whilst the smaller folks in this park, as well as in all other parks, were catered to by sand boxes.

Skating was enjoyed by an exceedingly large number through the long continued cold winter. Large log fires were maintained at all of the parks where skating was permitted, from which the skaters found much comfort.

### Lytle Park

Five hundred yards of sod was layed. Along the pavement and where the corners were tramped out a low pipe railing was set up as a protection.

A very fine and attractive canna display was made, and the rear portion, which had been used as a children's playground,



INWOOD PARK, WADING POOL.

was parked and made one of the most charming features in our park system. Three beds were planted in the fall with about 1,800 tulips.

The playground was well kept during the summer months. The apparatus was concentrated, permitting of larger open area for field games and other sports.

The camera or moving picture frame, which is quite an open air feature in this park, was shifted to the opposite corner of the playground, thus giving a better opportunity to better display the pictures to the large number of people that patronize these shows every Sunday night during the summer.

A large canvas-covered baby swing frame was erected, which proved a boon to the little mothers during the hot weather.

### Mt. Echo Park

This park was well maintained. Two tennis courts were constructed and maintained in good order, which was attested by their continued use. The popular demands would warrant the building of two or more at once. The ballground was in constant demand. Thirty-six permits were issued for scheduled games. In the rearrangement of this park space should be allotted for additional ballgrounds.

One hundred and fourteen trees were planted, and approximately one thousand small shrubs were collected, placed in nursery rows, and are being developed for general use.

### Pearl Street Playground

The surface of these grounds was regraded, sanded and oiled. A new sand-box and basketball goals were added. Twelve sycamore trees were planted and protected by tree-boxes, all of which tend to make the place more useful, beautiful and attractive.

#### Sinton Park

The beauty of this crowded downtown park and playground was greatly enhanced by the filling with soil of two large concrete sand-boxes, 66 feet long by 13 feet wide, and planting

with cannas. The other features of the park were kept up in only a very ordinary manner. Nineteen shrubs and 3 trees were replaced, besides 1,500 bedding plants and 1,000 tulips being planted.

The popularity of the playground was attested by a much-increased attendance over the previous year, while the baths were patronized to an increasing degree. Account was recorded for such baths that charge was made for towels and soap at the rate of two cents per bath, there being no record of the bathers who furnished their own soap and towels. The number of baths charged for was as follows:

Men	18,192
Women	900
Total	10 002

### Vine and Hollister Park

Too much praise can not be given to the maintenance, general character and beauty of this small triangle. From early spring to late fall this place was very attractive and in bright condition. The center of the park having settled, the fountain, paths and ground around were raised about eighteen inches, and six catch-basins and drain lines laid, which protected the resurfaced walks from washing and improved the whole general condition of the park. Twenty-six hundred summer bedding plants were used, and 4,300 tulips were planted in the fall.

### Wulsin Park

The work in this park was taken over by the department, and the unfinished rough grading work put into shape. Large flower beds were laid out and planted in the sunken or central part, containing 5,600 geraniums, cannas, coleus and alternantheras, and a large bed of palms. A water main was laid through the central portion, and about sixty trees planted. The work will be continued and completed as soon as possible. A new sidewalk was laid on Observatory avenue, formal seats

and benches of concrete and stone, with central and side paths, were built, and a cluster lamp-post with concrete base erected, which gave a finish to this attractive park.

Much credit should be given the residents about this park, they having assisted in the work, and supplied funds to the amount of \$350 to carry on the work, in addition to paying for all of the rough grading.

#### Wilson Common

Was accorded a general treatment, and a ballground was made for minor ball teams. This site offers a quiet retreat away from all noise, and is taken advantage of by a goodly number of people.

#### Washington Park

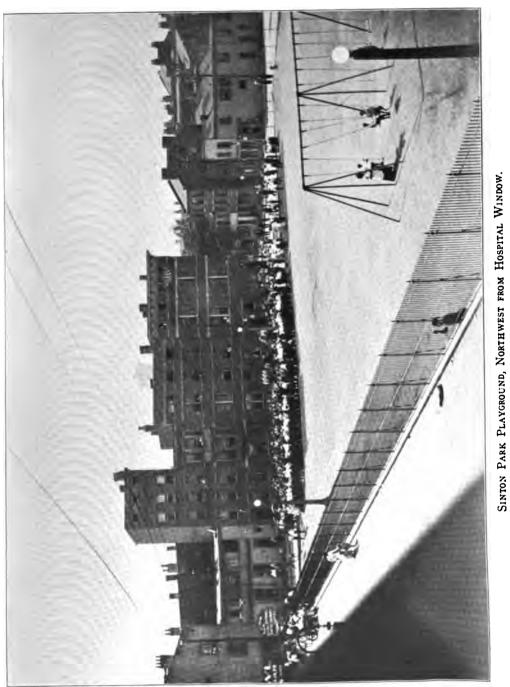
The maintenance of the park was kept up under exceeding difficulties, owing to the erection of a new bandstand and comfort station in the center of the park.

Some 332 shrubs were planted to replace the ones which had died during the previous summer and winter. The usual bedding features of this park were kept up, with the exception of the center. Some 5,500 geraniums, coleus, crotons, allumantheras, acalyphus, etc., were used for summer bedding, and 2,000 hyacinths and 4,000 tulips were planted in the fall.

### Special Report on Greenhouse

Doubt being expressed as to the advisability of continuing the present ratio of expenditures for greenhouse purposes, I herewith submit a report of the work done by the greenhouse force, both for the greenhouse and for the various other parks and city institutions, which is all covered under one heading, "Expenses of the Greenhouse."

A careful perusal of the following report will show that sixteen parks and fifteen public institutions were directly benefitted through the green house, and consequently a counter charge should be made by the greenhouse against the various parks and institutions mentioned.



The following charge to the greenhouse account should in reality belong to the decorative features of Eden Park, as such were taken care of by the Greenhouse force, three laborers being employed from June to October in caring for the formal gardens in Eden Park at an expense of \$660. Added to this is the general overlooking, trimming and keeping the beds in various parks in form and order, a factor which is very noticeable in our general bedding scheme; the time thus occupied has never been made a record, consequently has become a direct greenhouse charge.

Added to greenhouse expense for the season 1911 was the cost of construction of a cement and iron cold frame for better care and storing of plants during the winter season, to replace the old, unsightly wooden structure previously used.

A complete change in the interior of the southern section of the large front show-house was made, replacing the wooden benches by constructing cement and rock benches, the material for this being gathered from various sources and grouped in a very showy artistic or rustic arrangement, giving the appearance of more natural plant environments, the cost of the above two items being \$268.98.

The whole greenhouse outside was thoroughly cleaned and repairs made where necessary, and painted in some instances with three and others with two coats of white lead and linseed oil. The interior of the whole three front sections was also cleaned and painted with two coats of white lead and linseed oil. This was difficult and tedious work on account of the care necessary for the preservation of the large palms and other plants which we were not able to remove, and the previous use of poor paint, which made it necessary to scrape all the woodwork before the material could be applied. The cost of the above was \$493.34.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT GREENSMITH,

Superintendent of Maintenance.



# PLANTS AND BULBS FURNISHED VARIOUS PARKS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS DURING 1911, AND COST OF PLANTING SAME

PARKS, ETC.	Ріапти	Value	Cost of Planting	Bulbs	Value	Cost of I lanting	Total Cost
Auburn Place	1,500	150 00	4 86	3,000	21 00	4 83	180 72
Burnet Woods	750	75 00	4 86				79 86
Eden Park		1,972 00		14.500	116 83		2.088 83
Eden Park Pumping Station	1,200	120 00	3 64				123 64
Evanston Ball grounds	300	30 00	1				32 43
Hopkins Park			4 86	2.900	20 30	4 86	180 02
Hyde Park Square		100 00		1			104 86
Johnston Park	4,200	420 00	10 94	6,300	44 10	9 72	
Lincoln Park		260 00	12 15	8,800	61.60	9 72	
Lytle Park	950	95 00	4 86	1,800	12 60	4 86	117 32
Mt. Echo Park	500	50.00	4 86				54 86
Madison Park	350	85 00	2 43				37 43
Sinton Park	1.100	110 00	7 29	1.000	7 00	2 43	126 72
Vine and Hollister Park	2,600	200 00	9 72	4,300	30 10	4 86	304 66
Washington Park	•		14 78	6,200	76 07	14 58	635 23
Woodward Park		20 00	2 43				22 43
Wulsin Park	5.600	500 00	29 16	2.300	16 10	4 86	610 12
Mitchell Tract			1	1,000	7 00	2 43	9 48
Elsinore	200	20 00	1 22				21 22
Price Hill Library	3.0	35 00	2 43			1	87 43
Walnut Hills Library	175	17 50	2 43				19 93
North Cincinnati Library	325	32 50	2 43				34 93
East End Library	125	12 50	2 43				14 93
Dayton Street Library	275	27 50	1 21				28 71
City Hospital	8ro	86 00	2 43				89 43
City Workhouse	1,770	175 00	7 29	l			182 29
Cincinnati University	1,300	130 00	·				130 00
Riverside Fire Company	520	52 00		1			52 00
Fire Company No. 23	175	17.50	l <i></i>	!. <b></b>			17 50
Fire Company No. 26	500	:0 00		İ			50 00
Fire Company No. 41	525	52 50					52 50
Fire Company No. 42	300	30 00					30 00
Totals	52,830	\$5,695.00	\$145 EO	52,100	\$412 70	\$63 18 °	\$6,316 68

# COST OF MAINTAINING GREENHOUSES DURING 1911

General work (payrolls)	7 561	59		
Light	24			
Fuel	594			
General supplies	21			
Repairs to plumbing and building fixtures	430	79		
Plants, bulbs, etc	884	84		
Hose, etc	46	39		
Boiler repairs (also bill of December 26, 1911, paid in				
1912, \$198.35)	169	55		
Telephone	60	00	·	
Painting	493	34		
Benches and hot-bed frames	286	98		
-			10,573	63
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### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

#### To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

Under the direction of the Engineer, extensive improvements were made in all lines of construction. The building of new roads, resurfacing and oiling, kept active a large force, which accomplished good results.

Improvements in a number of the older parks and playgrounds to better protect the surface and to offer a better condition for the play purposes necessitated the construction of retaining walls, sewers, with the attending manholes, drains, inlets and catch-basins, and resurfacing with tarvia binder the playground areas and numerous walks.

Formal construction with permanent concrete seats, benches and other ornamental features, including steps, copings, etc., in addition to cement gutters and walks, warranted two large forces of concrete workers the best part of the summer.

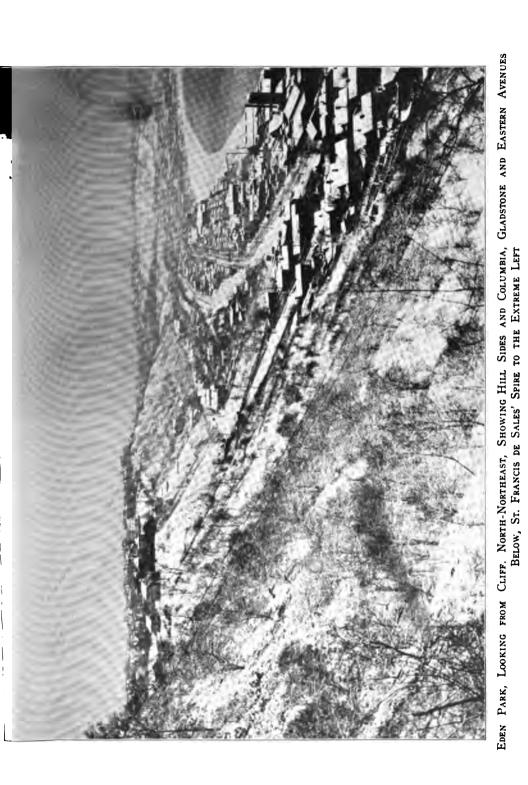
Without going into detail, the Engineer reports the following work accomplished under his direction.

Lytle and Pearl Street—	
Playground and walks resurfaced	. 35,125 sq. ft.
Burnet Woods-	
Walks.	
EDEN PARK, AND BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD-	
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THE WADING POOL, MCKINLEY PARK

WOODWARD PARK AND EDEN PARK-		
Stone Walls (806 cubic yards of stone)	752.60	lin. ft.
Lytle Park—		
Iron fence	667	44
Burnet Woods-		
Sewer pipe	•	**
Inlets Manholes	74 4	
BURNET WOODS AND WOODWARD PARK-		
New roads	4,027	sq. yds.
BURNET WOODS AND EDEN PARK-		
Roads resurfaced and oiled	28,203	u
BURNET WOODS, DEMPSEY PARK AND Mt. ECHO PARK-		
Roads, oiled only	12,820	"
BURNET WOODS, WOODWARD PARK, AND BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD—		
Grading	70,500	cu. yds
Woodward Park and Burnet Woods-		
Cement gutter	4,625.75	lin. ft.
BURNET WOODS AND LYTLE PARK-		
Cement walks	21,263 . 4	sq. ft.
WULSIN PARK, BURNET WOODS AND INWOOD PARK-		
Steps and coping	680	lin. ft.
Lytle Park—		
Concrete wall	348	"



The following construction work was finished and used for purposes intended:

BURNET WOODS—Bandstand and comfort station.
INWOOD PARK—Comfort station and shelter house.
WASHINGTON PARK—Bandstand and comfort station.

The following construction was commenced and is about 40 per cent completed:

McKinley Park—Comfort and shelter house and wading pool.
YOUNG AND RINGGOLD STREETS PLAYGROUND—Comfort and shelter house and wading pool.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MEEDS, Chief Engineer.

### PLAYGROUND REPORT

CINCINNATI, O., October 11, 1911.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit for your consideration a report of the work and attendance on the playgrounds during the season of 1911.

Total attendance from May 15 to September 30 was as follows:

INWOOD PARK	132,799
SINTON PARK	136,360
HANNA PLAYGROUND	75,320
Lytle Park	38,435
PEARL STREET PLAYGROUND	29,270
Woodward Park	23,065
Total	435,249
Last year's attendance	371,964

The increased patronage proves conclusively the popularity of playgrounds in our city. The success of any playground, however, depends to a greater part, upon the supervision and proper management of the same. Without energetic supervision the playground would soon be in possession of the professional loafer. With the proper management they become a source of distinct benefit.

The results of this season's work have fully justified the wisdom of the appointment of the young men and women em-

ployed as play directors. The discipline has been excellent; the sports and games have been conducted with spirit and enthusiasm; the interest of the children has been lively and sustained, and the watchfulness and protection exercised are proven by the fact that no serious accident or disorder has occurred among the hundred thousand of children cared for.

The daily routine of amusement and recreation was followed as closely as possible to the submitted program, and the various appliances were used by squads of children, so divided as to give fair proportion of all privileges.

The urgent demand for play supervision in the evening has been complied with. Great difficulty was found in keeping those over fourteen years of age out of the playgrounds in the evening. I would recommend that wherever the equipment justifies the use of the playgrounds by older boys and girls in the evening, provision should be made for them.

The wading pools, of which we had four in operation, offered, undoubtedly, the greatest amount of amusement to the children. It was a frequent occurrence to meet boys and girls in the pools who had to travel a distance of from five to six miles to enjoy the pleasure in the water. Since these wading pools are intended for the smaller children, and since the older ones have been crowding the younger children out of the wading pools, I respectfully recommend the construction of swimming pools for older boys and girls.

The playground demonstrations and athletic contests arranged on concert nights and other occasions proved to be very popular and valuable, and gave parents and spectators a splendid opportunity to familiarize themselves with the work conducted on the playgrounds.

The Sane Fourth of July Celebration on the playground was a great success, and the attendance in the different parks on that day was estimated from 20,000 to 25,000 people.

The equipment of the grounds has been carefully looked over, and we beg to submit the following recommendations:

1. To resurface Sinton, Hanna and part of Inwood play-grounds.



INWOOD PARK PLAYGROUND, NORTHWEST PROSES

- 2. To eliminate all such apparatus from the grounds which endanger the safety of the children, such as wipple ladders, etc.
  - 3. To install movable volley ball posts in all the playgrounds.
- 4. To supply the children with play apparatus for play in the sand.
  - 5. To repair or replace baby swings, slides, etc.
  - 6. To install jumping pits for all playgrounds.
- 7. To erect at your earliest convenience a shelter house at Lytle Park. Respectfully submitted,

N. C. SEUSS,

Supervisor of Playgrounds.



PINES AND ROCKS WITHIN THE HEART OF THE CITY-EDEN PARK

### AREA, DATE OF ACQUISITION, AND COST

OF PROPERTY COMPRISING PARKS OF CINCINNATI ON DECEMBER 31, 1911.

1	Cost of Land	Acreage
OLD PARKS.		
EDEN PARK		214.25
Land leased from Dec. 1, 1865, to Jan. 1, 1869		
Total payments on leaseholds		
Land for Eden Park was purchased in 1859, 1866, 1869, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1880, 1881 and 851,913 00		
Total cost of Eden Park property	1,619,927 81	
BURNET WOODS		163.50
Land leased from Oct. 18, 18-2, to July 1, 1881 256,355-68 Land for Burnet Woods was purchased in 1881 (490,500-60		
Total cost of Burnet Woods property	746,855 68	
HOPKINS PARK		1.00
Given to the city for park purposes on Jan. 18, 1836, by Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins, in whose honor the park was named.	i	
LINCOLN PARK.  Acquired through exchanges of land. Six acres were acquired by first exchange on Mar. 1, 1834, and four acres acquired by second exchange on Aug. 14, 1837. The land acquired thus was used as a Potter's Field (the pest-house being located thereon, also) for about twenty years. Steps were first taken to convert it into a park in June, 1858.		10.00
WASHINGTON PARK		5.60
Land purchased in 18'8 and 18'3	138,050 00	I
GARFIELD PARK  This land was given to the city on Apr. 9, 1817, by John H. Piatt and Benjamin Piatt, to be used as a market space. It was protected by an ordinance passed by Council, an a model as a park as early as Apr. 6, 1843, and on June 19, 1808, it was dedicated formally to park use.		1.00
Total cost and acreage of park property	2,584,833 49	395.35
PROPERTY ACQUIRED FROM 1904 TO 1908, INCLUSIVE.		ı
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROADLand purchased in 1904 and 1905		.16
VINE AND HOLLISTER PARKLand purchased in 1904 and 1905		2.50
Carried forward	<b>≱</b> 16,528 29	2.66

	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	16,528 29	2.66
EAST END PARK	36,555 42	7.50
AUBURN PLACE	21,530 17	.8
McKINLEY PLACE	50,574 39	1.21
CALHOUN STREET EXTENSION TO BURNET WOODS Land purchased in 1904, 1905 and 1907	72,366 56	1.50
LUDLOW AVENUE EXTENSION TO BURNET WOODS  Land purchased in 1903 and 1907	81,898 54	2.20
LYTLE PARK	242,792 31	1.36
OWLS' NENT PARK.  Gift of Chas. E. Perkins and Edw. C. Perkins, in memory of their father, Jas. Handasyd Ferkins, and their mother. Sarah Elliott Ferkins. Accepted by the city on July 31, 1905. Paid for taxes, etc.	550 83	5.80
WILSON COMMON	174 55	8.395
WOODWARD PARK		10.70
DEER CREEK COMMON.  Land purchased in 1905, 1906 and 1908.	248,005 93	12.80
MADISON PARK  Came into possession of the city through annexation of Hyde Park in November, 1908		2.866
INWOOD PARK	108,361 63	19.492
GILBERT AVENUE AND ELSINORE CORNER Extension to Eden Park. Land purchased in 1994 and 1905.	12,324 90	.20
SINTON PARKLand purchased in 1907 and 1908	255,865 47	2.33
DEMPSEY PARK (Hubbard Tract)	17,393 62	10.00
LINWOOD PARK		.25
Total cost and acreage of park property acquired from 1904 to 1908, inclusive	\$1,165,522 61	90.063
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR 1909.		
MT. ECHO PARK	61,152 84	46.586
YOUNG AND RINGGOLD PLAYGROUND	25,498 76	1.996
Carried forward	\$80,651 (0	48.782

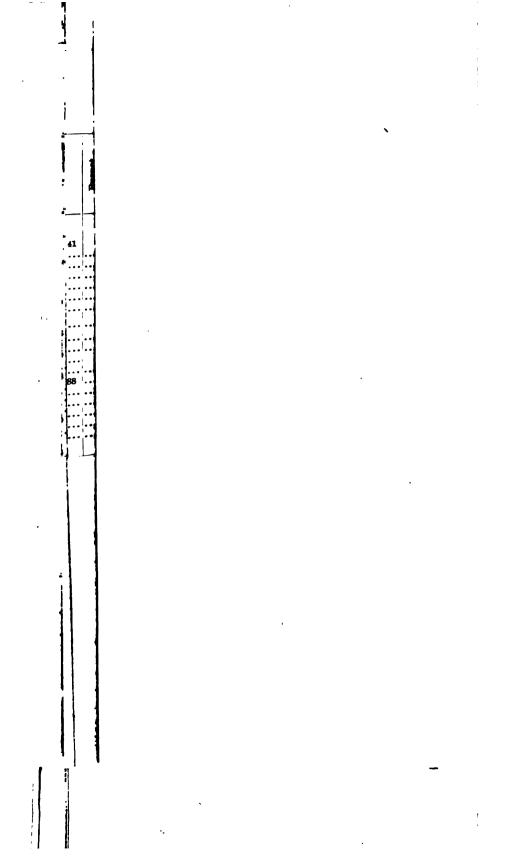
		Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward		86,651 60	48.562
NURSERY Lensed for ten years, from April 9, 1509.	••••••		23.29
HANNA PLAYGROUND			1.00
Total cost and acreage of park property acquire the year 1909.	d during /	<b>\$86,651 00</b>	72,872
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR	1910.		
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD		32,801 17	4.00
WELLINGTON PLACE Extension to Inwood Park.	••••••	2,168 17	.317
WILSIN TRACT		10,859 52	.95
PEARL STREET PLAYGROUNDTransfer authorized by act of Council.	•••••••••		.44
ROCHELLE AND FALKE STREETS Transfer authorized by act of Council.			.072
WARSAW AND WOODLAWN AVENUE Transfer authorized by act of Council.			1.157
MAYFIELD AND CARSON STREETS Transfer authorized by act of Council.			2.053
ST. CLAIR STREET, JEFFERSON AVENUE AN NER STREET	O ZELT-		.50
HYDE PARK FOUNTAIN			.25
Total cost and acreage of park property acquire the year 1910		<b>\$45,828 86</b>	9.739
PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR	1911.		
AULT PARK			150.00
BLOODY RUN VALLEY PROPERTY Given by Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg.			2.10
BISHOP AND JEFFERSON		3,515 00	.14
BLACHLY FARM		82,924 96	114.00
BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD (Addi	tion to)	27,701 33	3.00
BURNET WOODS (Addition to)		11,517 62	1.75
CAMP WASHINGTON			9.85
CAMP WASHINGTON (Addition to)		4,148 16	3.52
Carried forward	·············	\$129,807.07	284.36

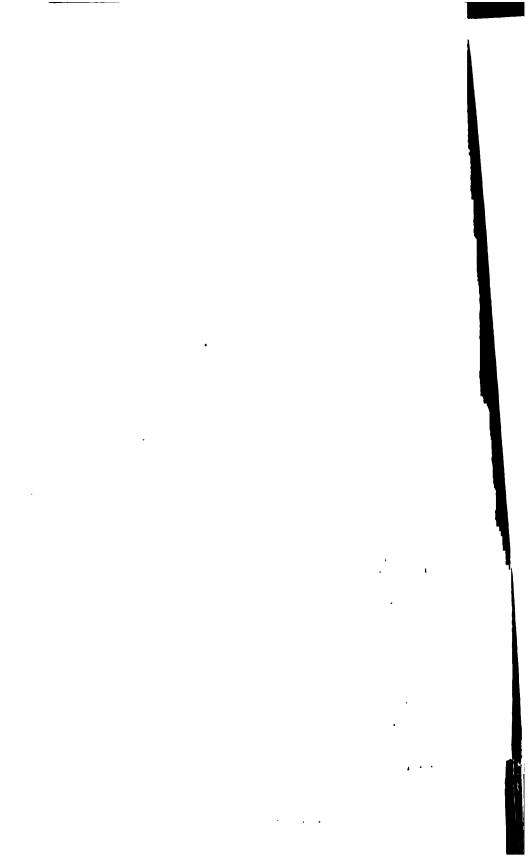
	Cost of Land	Acreage
Brought forward	129,807 07	284.36
COLLEGE HILL TOWN HALL LOT		4.75
DEER CREEK COMMON (Addition to)	5,269 30	.23
EVANSTON ATHLETIC FIELD	18,018 58	5.25
HULBERT AND FREEMAN PLAYGROUND		.596
KIRBY TRACT	34,256 50	168 15
LICK RUN ATHLETIC GROUNDS	14,811 00	4.25
MITCHELL TRIANGLE.  Rose Hill avenue and Reading road. Given by Mr. Albert Mitchell.		.20
MOHAWK PLAYGROUND	17,098 10	.521
Mt. STORM PARK	117,308 40	66.85
McFARLAN WOODS AND ECKERT TRACT	13,265 96	121 45
McMICKEN AND WALNUT PLAYGROUND	45,050 39	.65
PARKER'S WOODS	46,940 50	31.50
SAYLER PARK Given by Mr. Milton Sayler.		2.85
SAYLER PARK		3.15
SYCAMORE STREET PLAYGROUND	64,734 26	45
Third and Collard streets Transfer authorized by act of Council.		1.50
TURKEY RIDGE PROPERTY		.47
VINE AND HOLLISTER PARK (Addition to)	1,554 20	.287
WESTWOOD COMMONS	16,000 00	21.27
WESTWOOD TOWN HALL LOT		.75
WESTERN AND McLEAN AVENUES	3,973 12	.127
WALNUT HILLS PLAYGROUND	10,088 50	1.083
WOODWARD PARK (Addition to)	3,015 00	.569
WULSIN PARK (Addition to)	3,549 71	.126
Total cost and acreage of property acquired during the prear 1911	<b>\$544,740</b> 59	721.389
Total cost and acreage of all park property Dec. 31, 1911	¥4,427,592 15	1,289,413

# SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF PARK PROPERTIES

#### To December 31, 1911.

			Area in Acres	Cost of Land	-	Cost o Improv ment	·e-	Total Co	ost
		wned by the city } 81, 1903	395.35	2,584,833	49 .		•••	2,[84,833	49
Added	during	1904	10.36	64,060	24			€4,090	24
**	44	1905	31.865	636,500	09	83,707	42	670,207	51
**	**	1906	19.492	105,212	14	8,670	14	113,882	28
**	••	1907	12.20	108,333	02	13,506	58	116,889	60
••	**	1908	16.146	256,397	12	84,784	47	341,181	59
••	**	1909	72.872	86,651	<b>6</b> 0	128,997	87	215,649	47
41	••	1910	9.739	45,843	<b>8</b> 6	85,478	<b>3</b> 9	181,817	25
**	**	1911	721.389	544,740	50	100,597	5 <b>3</b>	645,338	12
То	tal	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,289.413	\$4,427,592	15	£455,7 <b>87</b>	40	\$4,888,829	56

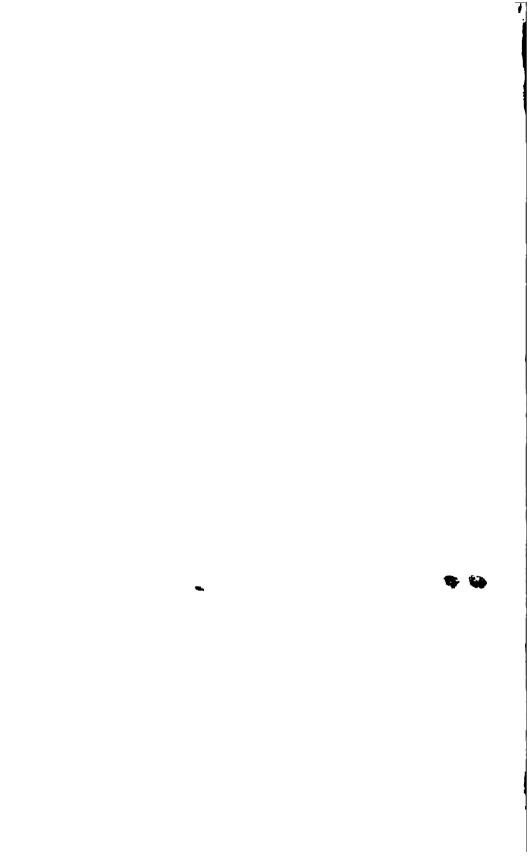












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# BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

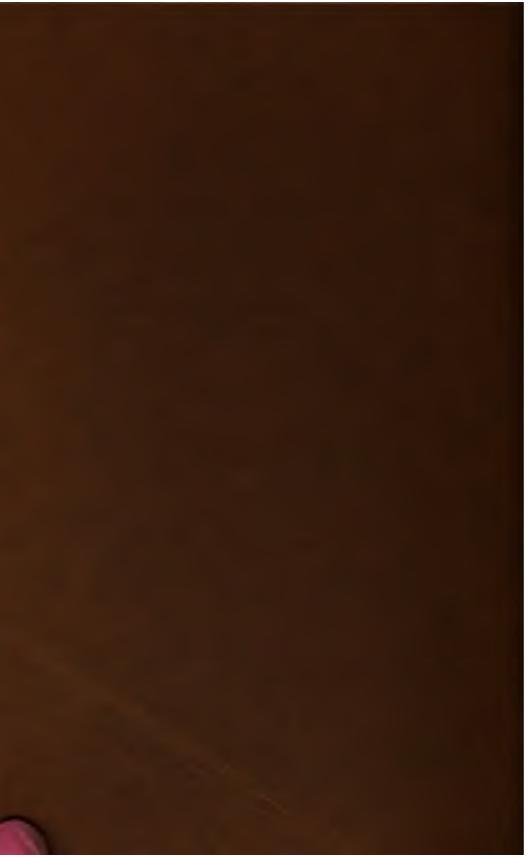
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# PARK COMMISSION

It is perhaps well in making a report of the Park Commission for the year 1912, to recall the circumstances of its beginnings. In the year 1906, an association of citizens, called The Greater Park League, was formed to consider the establishment of a park system for the City of Cincinnati. As the result of this movement, to quote from the records of the Board of Public Service:

"On June 25, 1906, the City Council passed an ordinance, reading as follows:

'Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

'Section I. That there is hereby appropriated from the Park Extension Fund, the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars to provide for the expense of making a comprehensive and adequate plan for improving or completing the improvement of any parks or boulevards in the City of Cincinnati.'"

On July 5, 1906, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Public Service:

"RESOLVED: That the following be and are hereby appointed to serve, without compensation, on the New Park Commission, for the purpose of devising plans and systems for the contemplated extension of Park Systems:

Max Senior, Henry Rattermann, Wm. B. Poland, L. A. Ault, Wm. Salway;

and the Clerk be instructed to officially notify them of their appointment, with the request that they meet the Board for a conference, July 18, 1906, at 3 P. M."

Under the authority of the ordinance and the resolution appointing this commission, it made a careful canvass of the country's expert landscape architects, finally choosing Mr. Geo. E. Kessler, of Geo. E. Kessler & Co., Kansas City, as the man best fitted for the work of laying out a comprehensive plan for parks and parkways in Cincinnati.

Through the joint efforts of the Greater Park League and the New Park Commission, a Park Act, drafted by the commission, was passed through the State Legislature on May 19, 1907 (99v. 440). The commission then received the thanks of the administration and was dismissed.

To quote further from the records of the Board of Public Service:

"At the November election of 1908, the people voted in favor of a Park Commission under the provisions of the Ohio Statutes, and in accordance therewith Mayor Markbreit appointed the first Board of Park Commissioners, December 10, 1908, consisting of

L. A. Ault (for three years); Wm. Gilbert (for two years); Julius Fleischmann (for one year)."

By referring to the Table of Park Commissioners, page 399, the names of those who have served the city in this capacity may be ascertained. The commissioners are appointed by the Mayor for terms of three years each, one expiring annually on December 10.

The Board of Park Commissioners has diligently prosecuted its work, ever bearing in mind its essential object—the Kessler plan. It has not been always possible to procure land corresponding exactly to the theoretical lines of this plan, but properties have been acquired as nearly identical as conditions permitted. Maps have been prepared for general distribution, showing the Kessler plan in light green; the park properties, prior to the creation of the commission, etched in black; and all acquisitions since, in dark green.

On January 1, 1912, the commission consisted of L. A. Ault, President; Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President; and George Puchta, Auditor. On May 9, Mr. Gilbert resigned, and Irwin M. Krohn was appointed by the Mayor to fill the vacancy. On June 1st, the Secretary and General Manager, M. C. Longenecker, resigned. A reorganization of the executive force followed. Wm. Hodgkinson was made Secretary; C. H. Meeds was continued as Engineer, and H. E. Greensmith was made Horticulturist. Reference to the table of organization, page 398, will show the new working method. On October 31st, Horticulturist H. E. Greensmith resigned. His duties were assigned to the Park Engineer.

On December 10th, Mr. Puchta's term expired. He declined with regret the honor of reappointment by the Mayor, owing to his inability to give the necessary time to the Park Commission. D. B. Meacham was appointed to the vacancy.

During the past year the office force, foremen and sub-foremen have been brought under civil service. The total number of park employees has varied from a minimum in winter of 165 to a maximum in summer of 350.

The city appropriation for the maintenance of parks for the year 1912 was \$165,585.00; the collections of the department were \$1,068.00; the net cost to the taxpayers therefore being \$164,516.32.

The balance of the park bond fund on December 31, 1911, was \$414,221.85. On December 31, 1912, it was \$70,506.90. \$176,121.54 was expended in the acquisition of 412.812 acres of new properties. \$167,593.41 was expended in the permanent improvement of park properties. By reference to the tables, pages 404 and 406, these expenditures are seen in detail.



Lagoon, Ohio River and Kentucky Hills from Mt. Echo Park.



Little Miami Valley from Ault Park.

#### A Little Piece of Blackley Farm, to be the Adult Playground and Arboretum.





Main Drive, Eden Park.

On November 4, 1912, the qualified electors, by a two-thirds majority, voted the Park Commissioners a bond issue of \$750,000.00 for the acquisition and improvement of parks, parkways and playgrounds.

During the past year the board has been indebted to publicspirited and generous citizens for gifts of land, page 401, and for moneys for concerts, page 401, for all of which they voice the hearty thanks of the community. In this connection it may be said that probably no money spent in the city brings a larger degree of pleasure into the lives of a greater number of people than that expended in concerts.

As the following reports and tables fully cover the work of the Park Department for the year 1912, this report will but briefly mention its more important features. Chief among these is the consistent progress toward the completion of the Kessler plan by the gradual acquisition of necessary territory. The Table of Park properties, page 404, will indicate what lands have been acquired during the past year, together with their location, acreage, manner of acquisition, cost to the city, value, etc.

The largest operation entered upon during the year 1912, was the Bloody Run Parkway. It is planned to extend this a distance of two and a quarter miles, beginning at Durrell avenue, Walnut Hills, following the Bloody Run valley across Gilbert, Rockdale, Dana, Sherman and Hopkins avenues and Reading road, and terminating in the Blachly Farm, North Avondale. Throughout the greater length of the valley, two roadways will be built, one on either side. The portion of the parkway lying between Gilbert and Rockdale avenues will be open to travel in 1913, and work on the remainder pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Another important undertaking of the past year was the commencement of the new entrance to Mt. Echo Park. Starting at Elberon avenue, with a handsome piece of masonry necessary to support an unstable section of hill, the roadway will run to the top of the mount at a grade but slightly exceeding that of Gilbert avenue, making a direct, easy and agreeable connection between the car line and the park.

Nine playgrounds were in successful operation during the season of 1912. The attendance increased by gratifying numbers, as may be seen by the report of the Playground Director, N. C. Seuss. As the playgrounds are thoroughly appreciated, it is unnecessary to dwell on their merits or political economy. Briefly, the approximate daily cost per child for the playground season of 1912 was three-fourths of a cent. In 1913, it is proposed to establish ten new playgrounds. In addition to these, swing frames and see-saws will be placed in several of the smaller parks. New amusement features will embrace a number of tennis courts and croquet grounds.

Forestry, an important branch of park work, was seriously undertaken in 1912. The trees and shrubs throughout the park system were found to be in bad condition, and modern tree surgery has been vigorously pushed. By referring to the forestry tables, page

402, the large number of trees thus benefited may be ascertained; the prospective work of reforesting the larger, outlying properties being indicated by the number of seedling forest trees already planted, or on order for spring delivery to the several tree nurseries.

On recommendation of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, the Park Commissioners formed an agreement in the Autumn of 1912, with the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio. An extract from their annual report for 1912 will perhaps best express the nature of this connection:

"During the summer of 1912, the City of Cincinnati requested advice regarding the reforesting of some 1,500 acres of park property. It was suggested that the city devote some of the area to the development of a forest park. This suggestion was acted upon favorably by the Board of Park Commissioners and a co-operative agreement was entered into whereby the experiment station is to supervise the operations. The plan is to model the park somewhat after the European system of city forest parks, and to the knowledge of the writer, is the first undertaking of its kind in this country. The station is to have a supervisor in charge, who is to superintend all planting and improvement work. Arrangements have been made for a forest nursery with a capacity of about 200,000 trees. All planting, stock and labor is to be provided by the city. The station believes the opportunity at Cincinnati to be one of the best possible for work of a demonstration of an educational nature, and to develop the forest park idea. The topography and soils lend themselves to a variety of tree growth and to the natural aesthetic effect, so important in an undertaking of this kind."

In conclusion, the board wishes to emphasize the fact that every effort toward the realization of the complete Kessler plan, together with the establishment of many more playgrounds, is being made, and the work urged forward as rapidly as the funds at hand will permit.

L. A. AULT,
IRWIN M. KROHN,
D. B. MEACHAM,
Board of Park Commissioners.
WM. HODGKINSON, Secretary.



Snow Scene, Rurnet Woods.

#### REPORT OF THE PARK ENGINEER

Owing to the necessary length of a detailed review of the engineer's work, mention has been made of the work done only in such properties as required particular attention. All park properties have received their quota of care in the matter of park maintenance. Information on planting, seeding, clearing and nursery work for the past year will be given in the Report on Park Horticulture and Forestry and in the Tables of Trees and Shrubbery and Seedlings on Order.

#### AULT PARK

During the past year a topographical survey of this property was completed.

A foot path was opened, leading from the car line at Grant's stop on Erie avenue, through the woods and up to the point formerly occupied by the Linwood Water Tower. A drinking fountain was placed and toilet facilities provided.

#### BLOODY RUN PARKWAY

Actual construction on the Bloody Bun Parkway has been commenced on that portion between Gilbert and Bockdale avenues. The grading of a strip 50 feet in width has been practically completed. This roadway should be macadamized and open for travel some time during the year 1913.

#### BLUE ROCK MARKET SPACE

The oval on Blue Rock street near Cherry was taken over by the Park Department. The old material to a depth of 18 inches was removed and replaced with good soil, and provisions made for a walk through the center.

#### BURNET WOODS

The level of the lake in Burnet Woods was raised about 18 inches. The upper end of the lake was cleaned out and made available for boating purposes. These processes increased the area of the lake more than one-third. At the north end of the lake, a temporary wooden dock was constructed, and the boathouse moved across the road from its former location. A basement and increased toilet facilities were added to the boathouse. The basement, now being on a level with the playground surface, is used as a shelter house by the children.

Two additional drinking fountains were placed, one near the lake, and the other near the bandstand.

Of roadway, 3,430 square yards were resurfaced, covered with calcium chloride, and given three treatments of the same during the summer.

Considerable work was done during the latter part of the year toward grading along Woodside place, the quarry being practically stripped for the entire length of the park frontage. This will give an opportunity through the winter for quarrying and thereby grading of a portion of the bank at this point. In this work, two purposes are accomplished, increasing this street to its proper width and constructing a good slope.

#### BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD

Much has been done at the triangle at Burnet avenue and Reading road toward placing this property in a finished condition.

A contract for filling and grading, amounting to 15,804 cubic yards, was finished in October. The cutting off of the point under McMillan Street Bridge was accomplished with the aid of the Street Repair Department. A brick wall about 150 feet in length was built, separating the park from the adjoining property. About 1,500 lineal feet of stone and cinder walks have been constructed. Nearly the entire grounds have been graded.

In order to furnish drainage, it was necessary to lay about 500 feet of drain pipe on this property.

#### DEMPSEY PARK

At Dempsey Park, considerable grading in the nature of landscape work was done in connection with the planting. The portion abutting Warsaw avenue was graded and seeded, and also a part of the park along the eastern boundary.

A drinking fountain was placed near the ball grounds.

#### EAST END BALL GROUNDS

The bank along Eastern avenue was graded for the entire length of this property, and from one to three rows of fixed wooden seats placed on the bank overlooking the ball grounds.

#### EDEN PARK

Considerable work, other than the ordinary maintenance, has been done in Eden Park. Of this the most important is the widening of the roadway under the concrete bridge. This roadway has been increased from an available width of about 18 feet to one of 45 feet and has been further improved by the construction of a sidewalk along the southerly side of the roadway, thus insuring safety to pedestrians. Another change in the main roadway was that made between the springhouse and the bandstand, the road here being raised, new gutters constructed, and the roadway widened for about 30 feet to something over 50 feet, making a uniform curve and adding both to the comfort and safety of traffic at what was formerly a very bad place in the road. Boadways amounting to 3,800 square yards were resurfaced and oiled; 1,730 square yards resurfaced only; and 9,200 square yards oiled only.



Old Carriage Road, Eighteen Feet Wide.

Concrete Bridge, Built in 1894.

EDEN PARK.

#### It Happened in Eden Park, Exceeding the Twenty-mile Speed Limit.





Easing Old Curves to Help Avoid the Above.

A stone and tarvia walk was constructed around the reservoirs, a distance of 4,324 feet, of which 1,148 feet is brick pavement along the southerly side of the reservoir. This walk varies from 5 to 8 feet in width, and winds through the trees and shrubbery on a fairly uniform grade between the wall of the reservoir and the wall of the roadway, always within sight of the water.

For the accommodation of the residents of Mt. Adams, a flight of wooden steps leading from Bussell to Ida street was rebuilt, and a path and concrete steps just south of the Elsinore Tower constructed. There was also built a flight of wooden steps at the south end of the stone bridge, leading up to the Art Museum.

The old stone wall opposite the greenhouse, along the back of the parking space for vehicles, was removed; the space enlarged and a new stone wall constructed.

The abandoned water tower in Eden Park and the house and land southwest of the dam were taken over by this department.

#### EVANSTON ATHLETIC BALL GROUNDS

The ball grounds of the Evanston Athletic Field were entirely regraded during the past year, and the grounds generally placed in good condition. Water connections were made.

The Evanston Welfare Association, by private subscription, erected a grand stand, overlooking the ball field, and installed a drinking fountain and a flag staff.

#### FILSON OUTLOOK

The shelter house at Filson Outlook was finished in time to put into use for the playground season of 1912. Two sets of playground apparatus were placed on either side of the building, one for girls and one for boys, and a drinking fountain installed. The entire playfield was surfaced, using cinders and tarvia.

#### HULBERT AND FREEMAN PLAYGROUND

This property has been graded and prepared for playground by the building of a stone wall along Hulbert street and the west side of the lot.

#### INWOOD PARK

During the year, the valley between Hollister street and Wellington place has been graded, a cement sidewalk built on the north side of Wellington place, and drains laid from the ends of the streets to the sewer.

A canvas canopy on pipe frame was placed on the playground over the sand boxes for shade.

#### LICK RUN BALL GROUND

As this property lies below the street level, it is necessary to fill it. While the north portion adjoining Queen City avenue, is in process of filling, the south portion is in use as a ball field. Goal posts were set for the foot ball season of 1912.

#### LINCOLN PARK AND PLAYGROUNDS

The continual wash of the larger lake in this park had left the banks in unsightly condition. This was remedied by placing a boulder revetment, bedded in concrete, around the shores of lake and island.

The walks of the entire park were remade. Cement walks were placed on the Kenner and Hopkins street sides and the sidewalk on Freeman avenue repaired. Stone fence curbs were reset, and the entrances to the park widened.

The corner of the park at Hopkins and President place was regraded, preparatory to making a double playground. The soil removed was used for filling the smaller lake, which has since been turned into a sunken garden.

Much grading, surfacing and resodding were done.

#### LYTLE PARK AND PLAYGROUND

A combination music pavilion and comfort station was erected between the park and playground at Lytle Park.

#### M'KINLEY PARK AND PLAYGROUND

The shelter house with ample shades and a wading pool, was placed in use early in the playground season and two drinking fountains installed.

A concrete block wall was erected around three sides of the park and a considerable amount of cement walk laid.

Sand pits were placed at either end of the shades, and two lines of playground paraphernalia installed.

#### MADISON PARK

On this property, completed by recent purchase, some grading was done and the banks on Erie Avenue and Madison road were improved by lengthening the slopes.

#### MOHAWK PLAYGROUND

The old buildings on this property have been wrecked, and the ground partially prepared for the erection of a shelter house.

#### MT. STORM PARK

A tanbark walk about 1,780 feet in length was constructed, leading from Ludlow avenue, near the canal, up to the old Bowler homestead on this property, giving a direct connection from the car line on Ludlow avenue to the park. A drinking fountain and toilet facilities were installed.



Grading North of Gilbert Avenue.



McKinley, a Modern Playground,

#### MT. ECHO PARK

The grading for an entrance into Mt. Echo Park from Elberon avenue was commenced during the summer of 1912, but owing to lack of funds it became necessary to discontinue the work for a time, when about 60 per cent completed. It was found imperative to build a retaining wall about 450 feet in length along Elberon avenue. Work on this wall has been started, and at the close of the year the foundation is 40 per cent complete.

#### PRICE HILL SLOPE IMPROVEMENT

During the fall of 1912 the slope between the retaining walls along Glenway, Wilder and Warsaw avenues were graded and planted. The citizens of Price Hill collected nearly half the amount necessary for this improvement.

#### SINTON PARK AND PLAYGROUND

On Sinton playground a shade-roof was completed, beneath which sand boxes and baby swings were placed. The area under the shade-roof was covered by a cement floor, which was extended on either side, under the larger swing frames.

#### SYCAMORE STREET PLAYGROUND

A shelter house is in process of construction here, and is about 90 per cent completed. The grounds have been graded as far as possible until this building is finished.

A wading pool has been constructed, with a slightly greater depth of water than the other park pools. The water is 19 inches deep on the sides, and 24 inches deep in the middle of this pool.

#### TAFT FIELD

On this tract, grading was done amounting to 36,660 cubic yards, which made enough level ground for two or more ball fields, also tennis courts, if the latter are found desirable. The Taft Field is a natural amphitheatre with banks of easy slopes on three sides. These banks have been seeded to prevent erosion.

#### WALNUT HILLS PLAYGROUND

During the summer of 1912 this property was graded.

#### WARSAW AND WOODLAWN PLAY FIELD

During the fall of 1912, this property was graded and prepared for use as a small play field.

#### WASHINGTON PARK

The combination music pavilion and comfort station at Washington Park was finished during the early part of the year 1912 and opened to the public. Later, large fountain basins were placed on either side of the pavilion. Concrete seats, and four lamps on ornamental concrete standards, completed the improvements at the center of this park.

The walks were resurfaced with stone and tarvia. The monuments to Generals Hecker and McCook, which formerly stood in the walk between Elm and Bace streets, were moved and placed on either side of the walk to Elm street, facing the Memorial Building.

#### WESTERN AVENUE AND M'LEAN STREET PLAYGROUND

During the year the old buildings on this property were wrecked and removed.

#### WESTWOOD COMMONS AND WESTWOOD TOWN HALL LOT

The surface of the Westwood Commons was placed in good condition for ball playing and other athletic sports. At the opening of the season, goal posts were placed for foot ball.

At the Town Hall lot some grading was done and the banks reshaped.

#### WULSIN TRIANGLE

At Wulsin Triangle the grading was finished, and a walk with concrete steps, crossing the base of the triangle, constructed.

#### WOODWARD PARK

During the year a considerable amount of grading was done in this park. The entire portion between the end of Windham and Bockdale avenues was resurfaced and seeded or sodded.

A cement walk was constructed from the end of Windham avenue to Rockdale avenue.

CHAS. H. MEEDS, Park Engineer.

## REPORT OF PARK FORESTRY AND HORTICULTURE

During the year 1912, new forest nurseries were started at Ault Park, Blachly Farm and Mt. Airy Forest, with the object of growing young trees on the property where they were to be eventually permanently planted. Orders have been placed for 150,000 seedlings and transplants for this purpose. In addition to these new nurseries, the old nursery at Covedale is still growing trees and shrubs for general distribution among park properties.

The woods in the various parks have been cleaned up, and a large amount of dead wood corded for sale.

Planting of trees and shrubs has been done at Garfield, Hopkins, Lytle, McKinley, Madison, Washington and Westwood Parks, Wulsin Triangle, Filson Outlook and Burnet avenue and Reading road.

On all streets bordering parks, dead trees have been replaced with live ones. Tree surgery has been in operation in all the parks.

Observatory road, between Madison and Menlo, has been widened and planted, thus affording an initial example of street parking in the city of Cincinnati.

All plants used in summer bedding throughout the parks and in the beds of many of the city institutions are raised in the park greenhouses at Eden Park. These houses are always open to the public. The chrysanthemum show of 1912, the best ever held here, was visited by many thousands of people.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLAYGROUNDS

The playgrounds were officially opened on May 15 and closed on October 15.

The year's attendance at the several playgrounds was, as follows:

Inwood Park	
Sinton Park	
McKinley Park	
Lytle Park 77,795	
Filson Outlook 63,318	
Hanna Park 61,293	
Lincoln Park 49,180	
Pearl Street Playground 23,601	
Woodward Park	
Total Last year's attendance was	673,131 435,329
Showing increase of	237,802

#### NEW PLAYGROUNDS, 1912

This increase is partly accounted for by the addition of three new playgrounds, namely: McKinley Park, Filson Outlook, Lincoln Park.

#### MOTHERS' CLUBS

More public interest is shown in the playgrounds as is evidenced by the number of mothers' clubs formed in neighborhoods to assist the playground directors in their work.

#### LAWN FETES

Lawn fetes were instituted and held in conjunction with several of the Fleischmann concerts. They were largely attended and served to stimulate interest in parks and playgrounds.

The money collected at these children's entertainments was expended in furniture and fittings for the playground houses. In one instance, that of McKinley Playground, the money exceeded these needs, and the balance was expended by the mothers and children in a field day at Ault Park. Three hundred children were transported from the playground to the park, and back by special cars. The day was fine, and the experiment proved satisfactory.

#### JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

The Safe and Sane Fourth of July Celebration on the playgrounds afforded ample opportunity for the expression of patriotism without the usual attendant dangers. The attendance was large, the program attractive, and the celebration was a success.



E ollego Hill. O.

Where the children played before the playground era.



#### PLAY PROGRAM

A program for play was adopted at the beginning of the season and closely followed. A schedule of eight games of playground base ball was arranged between several of the grounds, creating a new interest. Judging from experience gained from these games, it is evident that the small boy requires the presence of a supervisor to correct and direct his play, as well as his morals.

#### BEHAVIOR

Discipline on the playgrounds was good, work and play conducted with spirit and enthusiasm.

#### NEEDS DEVELOPED

It is yearly more evident that there is a great need for play-grounds for boys and girls over 14 years of age. Our playgrounds are limited to children under 14. Those over this age, who have been trained to playgrounds, have no place for recreation and amusement until they reach ages appropriate to the athletic field. Could this gap be filled, it would relieve the playgrounds of disorderly conduct sometimes surrounding them, by affording an opportunity for the outlet of enthusiasm and energy.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The director would recommend the planning of a playground including a small children's playground; one for larger boys and girls; the locating of apparatus for each, with the best possible surface, drainage, walks, ball diamond, tennis court, swimming and wading pools, with a shelter house centrally located, providing space for dressing, shelter and reading rooms, well lighted and ventilated. With a definite plan, as outlined, and each year a portion worked out, the highest type of playground would eventually be realized.

More apparatus, shade and baby swings are needed; cement walks from pools to dressing rooms; better surfaced grounds; some system to keep the floors of the dressing room dry and an increase in the depth of wading pools. These recommendations apply to Inwood, Sinton, McKinley, Filson, Lincoln, Lytle, Hanna, Pearl Street and Woodward Playgrounds.

#### ATHLETIC FIELDS

On the athletic fields, the establishment of a quarter-mile track, a jumping pit, a grand stand and a shelter house, with dressing rooms, is recommended.

#### SPRING MEETING

A playground conference should be held during the first two weeks of May, for all applicants wishing to serve as playground directors. At this meeting assignments should be made and plans for the coming season adopted.

N. C. SEUSS, Director of Playgrounds.

#### CONCERTS GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1919

#### By Board of Park Commissioners

		Under	
PARKS	Groesbeck Endowment Fund. Saturdays. Weekly, 3:30 pm. June 15 to Sept. 1.	Schmidlapp Fund. Sundays. Weekly. 3:30 pm. May 19 to Sept 15	Fleischmann Fund, Evenings, 7:30, June 11 to Sept. 24
Burnet Woods	12		
Eden Park		18	
Hanna Park			1
Inwood Park			4
Lincoln Park			4
Lytle Park			2
McKinley Park			4
McMicken and Walnut			1
Sinton Park			4
Washington Park		 	4
Total Concerts 54	12	18	24

### FREE MOVING PICTURE SHOWS Given During the Year 1912 by Board of Park Commissioners

PARKS	Sunday Evenings, Weekly, 7:30, June 16 to Nov. 8	Saturday Evenings, Weekly, 7:30, Sept. 31, to Nov. 3
Lytle Park	21	
McMicken and Walnut		7
Total Shows 28	21	7

The Wading Pool.



The Playground.

#### GIFTS.

DONATION OF MONEYS BECEIVED DURING YEAR 1912
Schmidlapp Fund (concerts paid for by Trustees), 18 concerts at Eden Park.
Groesbeck Endowment Fund, for 12 concerts at Burnet
Woods
Evanston Welfare Association, for installing drinking fountain at Evanston Ballground
Lucien Wulsin, for flowers at Wulsin Triangle 75 00
Citizens of Price Hill, for improvement of Price Hill Slope adjoining inclined plane
Total\$5,135 00
Resident and the second
DONATIONS OF PROPERTIES DURING THE YEAR 1912
Alexander Street Property, between Mulberry and
Fountain Streets. Given by the Freedmen's Aid Society of the M. E. Church
Bloody Run Parkway, from Lincoln Avenue to a point
on Reading Road, north of Sherman Avenue: Given by Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg 22.33
Given by Mrs. Frank H. Simpson 2.625
Given by Mrs. Frank H. Simpson.         2.625           Given by Mr. James J. Hooker.         1.628           Given by Mrs. Francis S. Rowe.         304
Cliff Street property, between Vine Street and Ohio
Avenue. Given by Mr. John Weld Peck 527 Schuetzenbuckel Park, Fairmount. Given by Mr. and
Mrs. Louis J. Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Dieterle
46.720
Winness Commission Com
PROPERTIES ACQUIRED THROUGH ANNEXATION DURING THE YEAR 1912
Fern Bank 35.25
Madisonville         .70           Sayler Park         .492
36.442
Control of the Contro
PROPERTIES ACQUIRED THROUGH TRANSFER BY ACT OF
COUNCIL DURING THE YEAR 1912

Blue Rock Street Oval, between Apple and Turrill Streets... .22

#### TREES

PARK8	Planted	Dead Removed	Mulched	Pruned	Diseased Treated	Reedlings Collected and Planted	Beeds Collected	Air Water Chambers	Burlap Removed	Boxed	Transplanted
Ault Park		50		906	224	47,000	12,000				ļ
Burnet Woods	208	30		794			:::::::		••••	• • • •	
Blachly Farm	84	• • • •		84	• • • •	2,000	14,584		• • • •	• • • •	• • • •
Blue Rock Street Oval	16	• • • •	134	16			• • • • • •		• • • •	• • • •	••••
Deercreek Common	98	• • • •	128		• • • •				200	••••	••••
Dempsey Park	añ añ	• • • •	140	~	٠٠٠٠				ı.		••••
East End Ballgrounds	38	5	1			١	• • • • • •		-		••••
Exlen Park	75		200	480		1			••••		
Filson Outlook	244				l				••••		
Garfield Park	10	3		10							
Hopkins Park	5	8	. 8			1					
Hulbert Playground	41		l							41	
Inwood Park	146	50	300	150		1		1			65
Kirby Tract	1	20		ا ا	١	1	l	l		l	
Lincoln Park	118	۱	180	80					30		
Lytle Park	42						l. <b>.</b>	1	20	'	·
Madison Park	117		117	42		!					
McKinley Park	2		1	ا ا				'			• • • •
Owls Nest Park	48	10	70								
Pearl Street Playground	11								• • • •	[]	• • • •
Price Hill Slope Improvement	88	• • • •								<b> </b>	
Sinton Park	15		80		• • • •	• • • • • •			• • • •	[····]	• • • •
Taft Field	155						• • • • • •		• • • •		• • • •
Washington Park	89 76	10	89 76	1.8					• • • •		• • • •
Westwood Common	97	• • • •	50	1	• • • •	i · · · · · ·			••••	• • • •	••••
Wulsin Triangle	٠,		1 50					6	••••		••••
Totals	1,886	241	48,448	2,837	420	49,680	16,584	6	96	41	65

<sup>\*</sup> Seedlings. | Feet.

#### SHRUBS

PARKS	Planted	Pruned	Mulched	Cuttings	Destroyed	Hardy Plants Planted	Aquatics Planted
Ault Park Blachly Farm Burnet Ave. and Reading Rd. Blue Rock Oval. Dempsey Park Eden Park Filson Park Hopkins Park Inwood Park Lincoln Park Lytle Park Owls Nest Park. Price Hill Slope Improvement Sinton Park Washington Park Westwood Common Westwood Town Hall lot. Woodward Park	775 879 245 894 80	450 245 894	2,360 4,445 546 1,000 500 800 000 1,000	8,000	306		25
Totals	20,176	11,064	11,445	8,000	506	8,000	175

TREE SEEDLINGS ORDERED FOR SPRING,	1913
Northeastern Forestry Co., New Haven, Conn.:	
White pine       .2 years       15,         Norway pine       .2 " .5,         Scotch pine       .2 " .15,         Ponderosa pine       .2 " .5,         European larch       .2 " .15,         Colorado Spruce (Douglas)       .3 " .5,	000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
Forest Nursery and Seed Co., McMinnville, Tenn.:	·
Sweet gum	000 000 000 000 000 000 000 35,000
D. Hill Nursery Co., Dundee, Ill.:	,
Red oak	000
Ohio Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio:	,
White ash       1 year       2,         Butternut       1 "         American beech       1 "         Chestnut       1 "         Catalpa       1 "         Black locust       1 "	500 300 300 300 300 300 300
Total number of seedlings	132,000
TRANSPLANTS ORDERED FOR SPRING, 18 Ohio Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio:	<b>)</b> 13
White pine4 yea	
Red pine4 "	1,000
European larch	500
Arborvitae	500
Japanese larch4 "	
Scotch pine4 "	
Chestnut3 "	000
Norway poplar3 "	000
American linden	000
Terre chices	000
Oriental sycamore	500
Tulip poplar 3 "	500
Total number of transplants	10,050
Together with our own transplants, our stock will exc young trees.	eed 250,000

#### PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING YEAR 1912

Alexander Street (given by Freedmen's Aid	Cost of Land	Acreage
Society of the M. E. Church)		.306
Bloody Run Parkway:	• • • • • • • •	.000
Given by Mrs. Eugenia H. Bragg		22.33
Given by Mrs. Frank H. Simpson		2.625
Given by Mr. Jas. J. Hooker		1.628
Given by Mrs. Fannie S. Rowe		.304
Purchased	63,213 68	28.258
Blue Rock Street Oval (transfer authorized	00,213 00	20.250
by act of Council)		.22
	10.510.00	.987
Burnet Woods (addition to)	12,510 23	
Burnet Ave. and Reading Rd (addition to).	4,480 82	.271
Cliff Street (given by John Weld Peck).	10.40	
Paid for taxes	10 42	.527
Deer Creek Common (addition to)	8,376 19	.103
Fern Bank (acquired by annexation)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	35.250
Kirby Tract (addition to)	11,845 30	183.18
Kittredge Farm (leased, with privilege to		
purchase). Taxes paid	170 50	<b>95</b> .
Madison Park (addition to)	9,295 00	1.576
Madisonville (acquired by annexation)		.70
Mohawk Playground (addition to)	<b>5,761 35</b>	. 120
Mt. Echo Park (addition to)	13,487 62	4.264
North Fairmount Playground	6,548 04	. 320
Sayler Park (acquired by annexation,		
additional)		. 492
Sayler Park (purchased)	1,620 00	5.60
Schuetzenbuckel Park (given by Mr. and	•	
Mrs. Louis J. Hauck and Mr. and Mrs.		
Geo. F. Dieterle). Taxes paid	300 48	19.
Taft Field, Camp Washington (addition to).	517 90	. 154
Turkey Ridge (addition to)	26,977 60	5.578
Vine and Hollister Park (addition to)	2,755 40	.968
Walnut Hills Playground (addition to)	617 07	. 133
Western and McLean Playground (addi-		
tion to)	6,461 99	. 233
Wulsin Park (addition to)	1,171 95	.092
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Total cost and acreage of property ac-		

Total cost and acreage of property acquired during year 1912.......\$176,121 54 410.219

Total cost of all park property December 31, 1912, \$4,604,541.39; total acreage, 1,693.114 acres.

Children of "Shanty Town" in 1912.



Apparatus a Hanna Playground.



McKinley Playground Picnicking at Ault Park.

SUMMARIZED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PARK PROPERTIES

To December 31, 1912

			Area in Acres	Cost of Land	Cost of Improve- ment	Total Cost
		owned by the city	895.35	2,584,883 49		2,584,888 49
Added	durin	g 1904	10.36	64,700 24	<b></b>	64,700 24
**	**	1905	31.865	636,281 89	83,707 42	669,989 31
••	44	1906	19.492	105,212 14	8,670 14	118,882 28
**	**	1907	12.20	108,888 02	18,506 58	116,889 60
**	**	1908	16.146	256,372 12	84,784 47	341,155 59
**	**	1909	72.873	86,651 60	128,997 87	215,649 47
44	44	1910	9.739	45,987 06	85,473 39	131,460.45
•	**	1911	715.371	544,967 39	100,612 03	645,579 42
**	**	1912	412.812	176,202 44	192,480 50	868,689 94
To	tal		1,696.207	\$4,604,541 39	\$648,232 40	\$5,252,778 79

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI

# To December 31, 1912

RDMARKS	Donation from Freedmen's Aid Society of	Abetuotist apiscopal Cutron.	Donation of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault.	Constions: Mrs. Engenia H. Bragg. 24.40	rs. F. H. Simpson, 2.625 acres:	Fannie N. Rowe, 306 acres. Total do- nated, 28.087 acres. Furchased, 28.23	Transferred by act of Council.	} Land leased from 1873 to 1881; purchased in 1881.		Donation of Mr. and Mrs. John Weld Peck.	Acquired by annexation.				Fart of land leased from 1965 to 1906. Land purchased from 1869 to 1908.
Cost of Mainte- nance Year 1913		\$447 17	8,688 17		746 19	8		13,745 98	24 25 25		147 00	878 55	814 68	90 089	31,994 39
Cost of Improvement		09 888,11	1,601 87	16 00	27 093	7,815 80	675 98	78,868 13	15,080 66			<b>28</b> 999' <b>37</b>	22,257 20	2,211 64	198,231 00
		\$21,640 17		8,516 25	98 926'88	88,383 68		925,408 63	67,021 79	. 10 43		208,251 43	17,898 68	36,555 42	1,718,959 71
Final Date of Acqui- sition	1913	1905	1101	191	1161	1912	1918	1981	1910	1018	1101	1906	1907	1904	1908
Acre-	8.	8.	143.969	77.	114.	57.245	8i	169,987	7.431	7.88	4.75	13.188	10.	7.50	814.45
NAMB AND LOCATION	Alexander Street	Between Dorsey and Goethe Streets.	Ault Park	Mit. Lookout, Linwood Reguts. Bishop and Jefferson Triangle	Blachly Farm Baddack Roada.	Bloody Run Parkway Walnut Hills and Avondale.		Burnet Woods Calhoun St. and Ludlow Ave. Extensions.	Burnet Avenue and Reading Road	Cliff Street Between Vine Street and Ohio Avenue.	College Hill Park	Deer Creek Common (A. F.)	Dempsey Park (A. F.)	Bast End Park (A. P.)	Eastern Avenue and Torrence Road.  Eden Park and Gilbert Avenue Extension

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Acquired by annexation: Stuart Park—Half acre leased from Big Four R. R. Perp. lease; at per annum. Walnut Grove—Leased from Stanley Struble and Wm. A. White. Perp. lease; stop per an. Duted Mar, 4, 1912; pay-		chase price, \$3.500. Donation of Messrs, J. H. and B. Piatt, Apr. 9, 1817. Dedicated for park use in 1898.	Leased from Mr. E. O. Hurd, granting free use of his lot without charge of rent. Im-	Donation of Mrs. Mary Hanna.	Donation of Mr. Louis C. Hopkins.	Donation of Mrs. Matilda H. Perin (Miss   Hulbert).	Acquired by annexation.			ral, \$900 per annum Purchase price, \$20,00		Acquired through exchanges of land in 1884 and 1887. Converted into a park in 1858.	Acquired by annexation.		Acquired through annexation of Hyde Park 2.966 acres. Purchased 1.576 acres.	Acquired by annexation.
88 87	8	868 15	19 96	1,044 60	823 31	9 11	20 00	6,941 71	169 44	218 02	20 64	5,463 36		2,668 49	11 68	
1,521 52	18,688 57	1,508 61	88	5,302 14	6,654 98	2,086 70		96,578 20	00 86		46 85	14,710 88		22,280 51	06 000	
18,062 26	25.498 76							110,529 80	46,101 80	170 50	14,811 00			242,922 31	9,295 00	
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Evanston Baligrounds (A. P.). Langdon Avenue. Fern Bank Parks: Thorn Place Triangle	Stuart Park Chestnut Ridge . 24 " Filson Outlook (P. G.)	Ξ:	August Street.  Gest Street (P. G.)	Hanna Playground McMicken Avenue and Dunlap Street.		Hulbert Playground Freeman Avenue and Hulbert Street	Hyde Park Fountain. Ryle Avenne	Inwood Park (P. G.) Wellington Place Extension. Vine Street	Kirby and Smith Farms.	Kittredge Farm West Fork Road and Colerain Avenue. (Addition to Kirby and Smith Farm.)	Lick Run Ballgrounds (A. F.)	Lincoln Park (P. Q.).  Freeman Avenue and Hopkins Street.	Linwood Park	Lytie Park (P. G.) Streets	Madison Park	

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31, 1919-Continued

RDMARKO	Transferred by act of Council.				Donation of Mr. Albert D. Mitchell					Leased from D. R. Herrick, et al., for ten   years from Apr. 9, 1909. Rental, 9450 per	Donation of Mesars, C. E. and E. C. Perkine.			Donation of who by citizens of Fries All for improved   Improved to city. Improved on a maintained by Park Park Parketment	<u>.                                    </u>	Donation of Mr. Milton Bayler, 2.00 acres: acquired by annexation, 2.646 acres; purchased in addition, 5.00 acres.
 Cost of Mainte- nance Year 1912			2,306 64	21 113		16 75	1,583 24	1,967 57		90 008'9	1,178 16	8	808 48		8	516 68
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		11,330 11	50,694 30	45,060 39	:	37 698' 22	74,640 46	117,810 46	6,548 04		\$60 68	96,940 50				1,080 00
Final Date of Acqui- sition	1910	1161	1906	191	191	191	1906	1101	1918	1900	1906	1101	1910	1918	1910	1181
Acre-	8.068	121.45	1.81	8	8.	3.	20.850	8.8	98	28.20	9.90	81.50	<b>‡</b>		<b>8</b> 40.	118.002
NAMB AND LOCATION	Mayfield and Carson Streets.	McFarlan Woods and Bekert Tract	McKindey Park (P. G.)John and Wade Streets	McMicken Avenue and Walnut Street (P. G.)	Reading Road and Rose Hill Avenue.	Mohawk Playgrennd	Mt. Beho Park (A. F.)	M. Storm Park.	North Februarat Playground	Caril Street,	Muduy Creek Fike and Anderson Ferry Rd. Owls' Nest Park	Parker Woods and Thompson Tract	Pearl Street Playgrammer Dearl Street Potential	:	Rochelle and Palk Streets Triangle	Sayler Park (Parks): Nelson Sayler Park Lee Park McQueety Park .373

Schuetzenbuckel Park	ė	1918	• 300 48	148 36	2	24 68   Donation of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Hauck
Shron Park (P. G.). Barr. Cutter. Kenyon and Mound Streets.	<b>8</b>	1906	\$56,866 47	59,650 19	6,565 05	
Sycamore Street Playground	3	1181	64,740 51	98 680'9	8	
Opposite woodward faign school.  Taft Peld (A. F.)	18.584	1911	4,686 06	10,880 48	<b>3</b> 9 67	Donation from Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Taft of 8.50 acres. Purchased in addition 5.024 acres.
Third and Collard Streets	1.50	1101				Transferred by act of Council.
Turkey Ridge	6.048	1918	86,994 40		16 50	Donation from Mr. Wm. Worthington of .47 Acres. Purchased in addition 5.578 acres.
South of Mastern Avenue, Detween Lenta and Stanley Avenues, from Humbert Street to the river, between Strader and Congress Streets.					-	
Vine and Hollister Park	3.756	1904	18,799 48	6,167 71	843 00	
Walnut Hills Playground	1.816	1911	10,706 57	170 88	12 88	
Warsaw and Woodiawn Avenues (P. G.)	1.167	1910		261 30		Transferred by act of Council.
Washington Park	2.00	1868	138,060 00	17,887 58	5,487 88	
Western and McLean Avenues (P. G.)	.300	1911	10,485 11	198 65		
Westwood Common (A. P.)	21.27	1161	16,015 00	10,79 88	1,876 01	
Westwood Town Hall Let	ĸ.	191		124 80	88 88	Acquired by annexation.
Wilson Common	8.806	2001	+ 174 56	40 87	<b>467 98</b>	Donation of Mrs. Mehitable C. Wilson.
Woodward Park (P. G.)	11.900	1906	8,015 00	24,717 67	1,911 58	Donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Noyes, 10.70 acres. Purchased in addition 569 acres.
Wulsh Trangle Madison and Observatory Roads.	1.108	1910	15,581 18	8,612 28	£.	Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Wulsin.
Totals1,698.114	1,608.114		\$4,604,541 39	\$734,923 90	9106,413 76	

NOTE:—(P. G.) Playground. (A. F.) Athletic Field Taxon 4 Taxon and recording of dead

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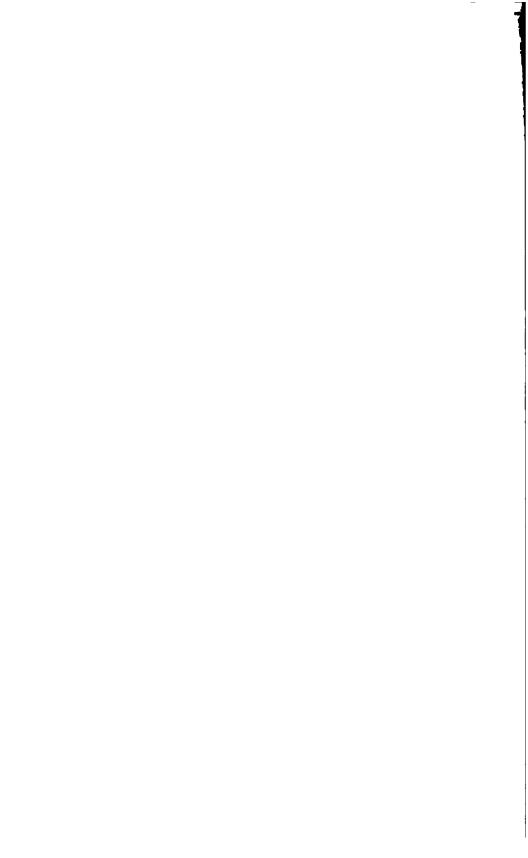
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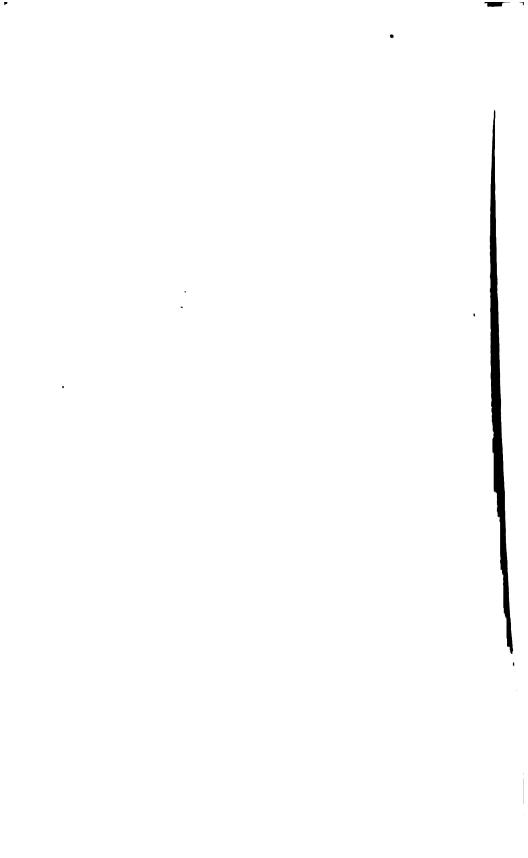
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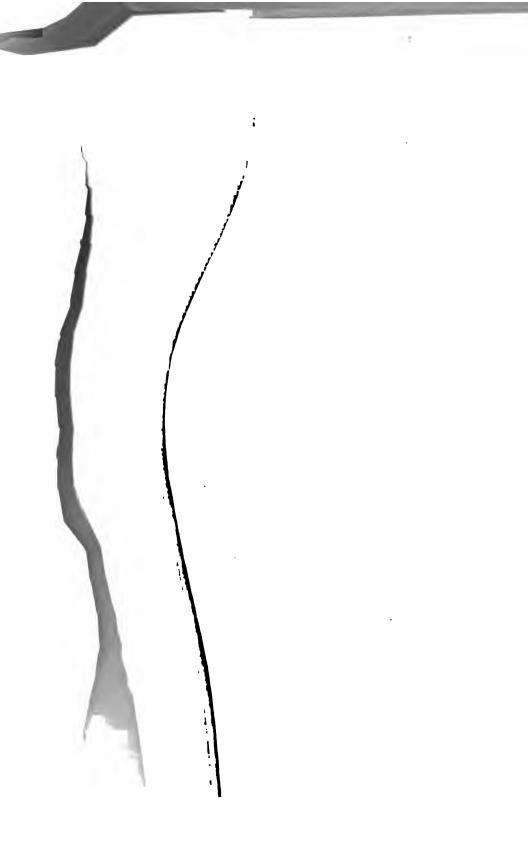


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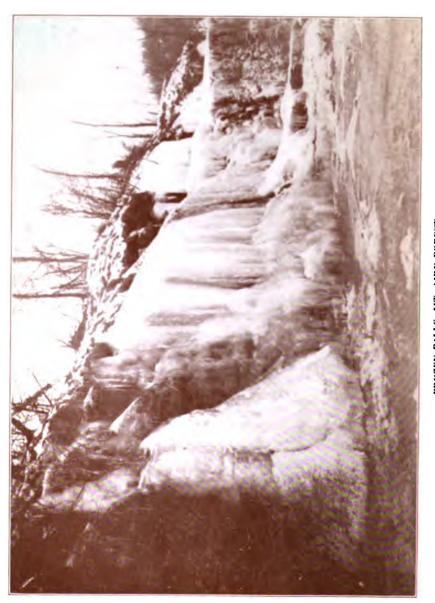
# Board of Park Commissioners

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Board of Park Commissioners
Cincinnati, Ohio



For the Year of 1913



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### Board of Park Commissioners, City of Cincinnati

### Report for 1913

To the Honorable Henry T. Hunt, Mayor, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEAR SIR—The Board of Park Commissioners has the honor to submit herewith, its annual report for the year 1913.

The several reports of our officers included in this, show, in detail, the operations of the Department in Finances, Construction and Maintenance. The map accompanying clearly indicates the progress made subsequent to the preparation of the general plans for the park development of Cincinnati.

We particularly desire to call attention to the acquisitions of lands for parks and parkways, and to recommend further immediate progress in the development of these plans.

Cincinnati possessed in 1907, 469 acres park lands-no parkways-no boulevards. Today the city owns, improved and otherwise, 1,918 acres of park lands, 84 acres of parkway, and no boulevards. The Board's policy-consistently followed out-has been to acquire as far as possible, with the limited means supplied, the properties which would otherwise be absorbed in private use and become impossible to obtain—no matter how greatly needed—as permanent open pleasure grounds. pursuance of this determination there have been acquired the properties listed in this report, and we earnestly recommend that all of the remaining properties shown in this general plan be secured at the earliest possible time. Consistent with the feeling that acquisition first should be had, improvements on these properties have not been undertaken to any great extent. However, the playgrounds purchased in the heart of the city have been rapidly improved and made available to the population contiguous to them. At present considerable expenditures are being made for further useful improvements on a number of these playgrounds in the form of shelter and convenience buildings, apparatus for outdoor athletics, and a general development of permanent service. Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

L. A. AULT.
IRWIN M. KROHN.
D. B. MEACHAM.

Attest: Wm. Hodgkinson, Secretary.

### Board of Park Commissioners, City of Cincinnati

### Landscape Architect's Report

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN—In submitting to you this report of the operations of the Department, permit me to recall the several stages of the work since the development of your General Plan.

In 1907, the Special Board of Park Commissioners was authorized to develop a comprehensive plan for a general park system for Cincinnati, and in that endeavored to embrace all the elements essential to the welfare of the people of the city, with respect to their outdoor recreation and the external improvement of the city as a whole.

The plans, as developed, endeavor to provide for, primarily, the recreation out-of-doors in form of playgrounds for young children; for the athletic and general recreation for young people; the local parks, and the greater park areas. It seemed to become essential with the establishment of such properties, to unite by means of pleasant highways, the larger parks with each other, and connecting these with the residential districts of the city, and at the same time with business areas, providing thereby for a boulevard and parkway system. Justification for the very considerable expenditures necessary to accomplish these projected improvements becomes more and more pronounced, as the needed properties under this general plan have been, at least in part, acquired and slowly improved. The prompt response in the enjoyment of these properties by the public has in each instance warranted the effort and expenditure, and is constantly proving the very great need of prompt improvements of this character throughout the city.

The Board's early attention to the very serious lack of Children's Playgrounds brought about the acquisition and rational improvement of a large number of small purely local playgrounds for small children—these in addition to the several properties acquired by the city just prior to the development of the General Park Plan.

The very great use which the children of the several neighborhoods have made of these playgrounds, has served to emphasize the requirements of the city in this class of development, and illustrated the very sad neglect heretofore in providing for safe



BLOODY RUN PARKWAY, SECTION 2. FIRST ROAD BUILT St. Francis de Sales Church in the distance



BLOODY RUN PARKWAY, SECTION 1
Grading looking notth

places throughout the city-especially in congested sectionsfor children's play, and safeguarding the little ones from the dangers of the streets. Naturally, the public's appreciation of even the properties so far established has materially aided in the development for a demand for general park acquisition and improvement. These properties, however, have supplied the opportunity for play and the education of the young children and an understanding of how to play. Their use has illustrated that this particular element of the general park development is, after all, a distinctly educational one, and the practical use of these properties would be far more valuable could they be made a purely educational work created and managed entirely by the Department of Education, inasmuch as playgrounds distinctly children's playgrounds—should be in close touch with the local schools and would therefore better and more directly serve the children of the school neighborhood. The next older children of the ages above 12 or 13 years require larger properties-more room for action-and less distinctly the close personal supervision. This character of recreation is supplied within the area of the larger parks, and in many instances, in distinctively athletic fields. Properties of the size, and located for convenient service, were provided in the general plan, and a considerable effort made toward their improvement. Many athletic fields should be provided in the larger parks, yet those of intermediate area can as well be given the character of local parks with their trees and lawns, which cannot be done on the small children's playgrounds. In the larger parks, embracing at least in part, the atmosphere of the country, giving quiet restfulness and recreation. Cincinnati is particularly fortunate in the possibility of combining the comfort and pleasure of quiet recreation, with a beauty really unequalled in the magnificent scenery embraced within the properties sought to be, and in part, acquired.

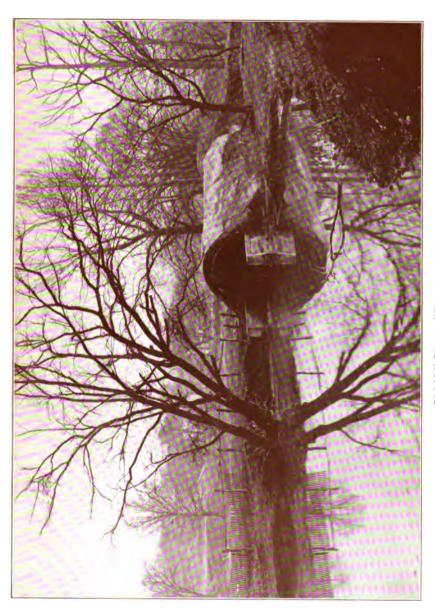
The further very great advantage in these properties, most of them situated on dominant elevations, is the incorporation of the entire range of view far beyond the boundaries of these properties, as a part of the picture produced through the acquisition of the larger parks permanently secured to the public, the viewpoints characteristic of Cincinnati's wonderfully beautiful surroundings. In order to make pleasantly accessible to the community as a whole—regardless of place of residence—each of these greater properties, and many of the smaller ones, there was also recommended in the general plans a series of boule-

vards and parkways: a boulevard with wider, better streets. lined with residential properties. The parkways were planned to occupy the rugged valleys leading in the directions necessary to unite the several properties and the residential districts of the city, and by means of these wider spaces in most of these valleys producing locally, and all along the lines, local playgrounds and restful parks, but principally intended to serve as a highway for the local pedestrian travel and the through pleasure travel for the whole city. Basing the expectation of good results from all these improvements upon experiences had in many other American cities, it is known that the most direct particular returns would accrue to the city through the great increases in private property values by reason of the establishment of these boulevards and parkways, creating through these a very considerable appreciation of land values, and, in turn, a material increase in the tax duplicate, which would necessarily aid very greatly toward the paying for the other sections of this whole system through these general improvements as a whole, creating values that will practically pay the entire cost of this character of improvements in the whole of Cincinnati.

A single, yet particularly valuable improvement, planned for at the time, was a boulevard to become the principal artery for the entire city, and reaching into the heart of the business district, and along the line of the canal, reaching out from this right-of-way, as a boulevard, every district in the city, and tying the entire system to the heart of the business center.

Since the development of the original plan in 1907, by the Special Board of Park Commissioners, the successor to that board—your present Board of Park Commissioners—has under this general plan accomplished a very considerable improvement, and has, unquestionably, proven not only a very great need of this improvement but demonstrated, particularly, how very far behind the needs of the city this improvement has lagged.

The partial accomplishment of the general plan, even in this comparatively short time, has clearly demonstrated the need of an active body distinct from the general departments of the municipality, until these improvements have been brought up comparatively to the needs of the city, and has shown the necessity for a continuance of such an organization until its work is accomplished. During these few years, the city has acquired—and to some extent improved and made useful to the community—a greater area for out-door recreation than had been



BLOODY RUN PARKWAY, SECTION 6 A sewer end before improvement, 1913

MT, ECHO PARK
Concrete foundation, retaining wall for new entrance, October, 1913

accomplished in all the history of the city, prior to the establishment of the present park organization, and each further development has produced a demand for a more rapid acquisition and improvement in the very many residential districts of the city even now not yet provided for.

In an attempt to accomplish the general development, your Board evidently felt that the prime requisite was first in the children's needs for local playgrounds. Again the rapid expansion of the city had shown that properties, which from their location and topographical situation were valuable for attractive park area, were rapidly becoming absorbed for building purposes. thereby creating values which would in a very few years make impossible all acquisitions, without the expenditure of enormous and prohibitive sums, of the lands so necessary for public use, and to preserve for the people of the present—as well as of the future -the characteristically beautiful parks. Your Board proceeded on these grounds, and most wisely, to acquire at least some of the properties originally planned for. While the city has not responded and provided immediate means for rapid improvement of these properties, yet the most important of these have, at least, been secured, and may be gradually improved for a greater usefulness.

In every large city the out-door recreation and the opportunity it gives for healthful enjoyment, the System, as a whole, becomes incomplete, unless one or more great outlying properties are acquired. These properties should be large enough to receive a very large portion of the population at any one time without overcrowding and really bring the country within easy reach of the great urban population. This can only be done through the acquisition of large areas of ground. In American cities this is usually accomplished at a very great expense. In European cities the contiguous forest areas have become the great outlying parks, and all have been tremendously useful for the real enjoyment of the country.

In Cincinnati, the gradual acquisition of the properties now known as Mt. Airy Forest—would supply to the northern, or north-western sections of the city, one of the finest of forests as a park, that could be established about any city in the country. The very happy condition which has held this property practically inaccessible for private development, has made it possible to acquire a large area at normal cost, that in a very few years would have been entirely out of reach of the purchasing power of this city. In the forest growth, covering in particular its extremely rugged hillsides, there already exists a charm of the remote forests. Through a further development of these properties, distinctly as forests, Cincinnati will acquire an exceptionally fine outlying park, which already emphasizes—and will far more so in future—the good judgment which brought about the purchase of these lands.

On the parkways, (an important portion of the connecting parkway between Eden Park and the new park on the Blachly Farm,) the Board has acquired the greater portion of the lands necessary in Bloody Run to connect the Blachly Farm property at Reading Road, and thence southward through the valley of Bloody Run to Gilbert Avenue, and thence south and easterly at present to Durrell Avenue and Chapel Street, expecting to proceed to acquire the ground needed to complete this improvement as a boulevard from Chapel Street south and westerly to the northern border of Eden Park. With this accomplished there will have been created a new and fine highway directly connecting two great parks, passing through one of the great residential districts of the city, and receiving through the many streets which intersect these improvements, all pleasure travel seeking shorter communication between the south and the east, and between the east and north residential portions of the city.

In the matter of boulevard development, a very small beginning has been made on Observatory Road from Madison Road eastward. At this point the late Lucien Wulsin presented to the city a valuable triangle of land for a small park at the junction of these two streets, and made possible, together with the Country Club, the widening of sidewalk spaces and therefore the beginning of a parking of Observatory Road, which should lead to the completion of a boulevard widened and made handsome from Observatory Road to Madison Road directly into Ault Park on the east.

While the preceding statement is purely a general one, permit me to recall in the following list the properties actually acquired, and in part improved, since the development of the general plan in 1907. It will certainly be well worth while for the citizens of Cincinnati to understand the very great work being done for their comfort in the development of these improvements. The direct value of all this, of course, can only be brought home to the individual in each section when the properties are not only acquired, but rationally improved.

### The following list of properties tells the story of acquisitions:

	ACREAGE
Alexander Street	.306
Ault Park	171.672
Bishop and Jefferson Triangle.	.14
Blachly Farm	114.
Bloody Run Parkway	84.162
Blue Rock Street Oval	. 22
Burnet Avenue and Reading Road	7.431
Cliff Street	. 527
College Hill Park	
Evanston Athletic Field	
Fernbank Parks	
Filson Outlook	1.996
Hanna Playground	1.
Hulbert Playground	. 596
Hyde Park Fountain	
Mt. Airy Forest	
Lick Run Ballgrounds	4.25
Linwood Park	. 25
Madisonville Parks	.70
Mayfield and Carson Streets	2.053
McMicken and Walnut Streets Playground	. 65
	.20
Mitchell Triangle	. 20 . 641
Mohawk Playground	50.85
Mt. Echo Park	
Mt. Storm Park	66.85
North Fairmount Playground	. 448
Nursery	23.29
Osterbrock Property (Garfield Playground)	2.23
Parker Woods	31.50
Pearl Street Playground	.44
Pleasant Ridge	8.63
Riverside Park	7.32
Rochelle and Falke Triangle	.072
Sayler Park	18.712
Schuetzenbuckel Park	19.
Sinton Park	2.33
Sycamore Street Playground	. <b>4</b> 5
Taft Field	<b>13.524</b>
Third and Collard Streets	1.50
Turkey Ridge	7.099
Walnut Hills Playground	1.216
Warsaw and Woodlawn Avenues	1.157
Western and McLean Triangle	. 475
Westwood Common	21.27
Westwood Town Hall Lot	.75
Woodward Park	11.269
Wulsin Triangle	1.168
Total Acreage	1,524.034

In each of these holdings certain improvements have been made and all of them have become useful parks in several sections. There can be no real value, however, to any partial development of this system until the community has finally supplied the means for a more rapid improvement of ground surface in all these properties, and thereby giving all the citizens an opportunity for their enjoyment.

Very respectfully yours,

GEO. E. KESSLER,

Landscape Architect.



A FEW TREES. PARK NURSERY

SEEDLING TULIP TREES. AULT PARK

### Board of Park Commissioners, City of Cincinnati

### Engineer's Report

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN:—With this, permit me to submit a report of the conditions of the properties and the improvements therein for the year 1913. As a matter of course, all improved properties have been maintained in a useful condition through the year. No unusual maintenance expenditures were essential. In the following properties, improvements have been made, and these improvements are herewith briefly described. In several of these, improvements have been planned, and are being provided for at the present time, but not yet begun.

### AULT PARK

In Ault Park, the residence building—known as the Monroe House—was thoroughly cleaned and put in order for a shelter house, and water supply and lavatories placed therein. On the grounds, only a very small bit of work in cleaning was done, and the removal of a few indifferent trees and bushes made useful a very large surface of the high ground surrounding the Monroe, Williams and Heekin places, and this during the past year has been used very extensively by almost daily picnic parties. The old Heekin residence was wrecked and its materials saved for the use of the department. A small portion of the open ground was used for a small nursery growth of trees for that section of the department's properties. A possible entrance way over the paved surface on Principio Avenue, from Herschell Avenue to Park Avenue, is just begun by the City Service Department, insuring for the next year a paved roadway to the park.

### BISHOP AND JEFFERSON TRIANGLE

On this little triangle the Service Department of the city has corrected the curb and sidewalk lines, and blunted the point of the triangle, making necessary the reshaping of ground surface within the triangle. The planting of trees and shrubs, and sowing of grass seed on this surface was done just before winter.

### BLACHLY FARM

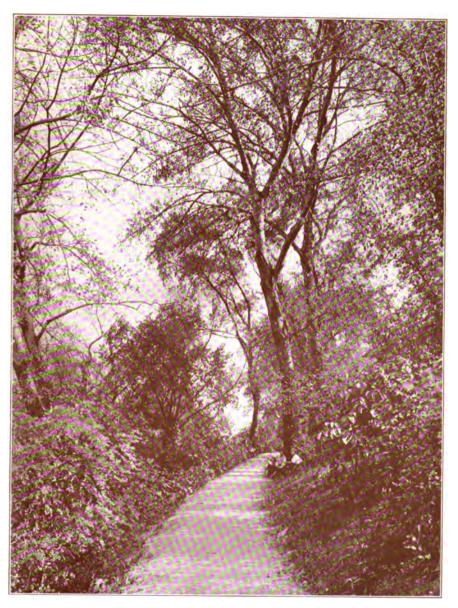
On the Blachly Farm no new work has been accomplished, except that a small portion of its open ground is being used as a nursery for trees and shrubs for the department's services. The property is being cared for, however, and is being only slightly used by the public at this time.

### **BLOODY RUN PARKWAY**

For the purpose of readily identifying certain sections of Bloody Run Parkway this has been subdivided on our maps in the numbered sections, as follows:

- Section 1. From Chapel Street and Durrell Avenue to Gilbert Avenue.
- Section 2. From Gilbert Avenue to Rockdale Avenue.
- Section 3. From Rockdale Avenue to Dana Avenue.
- Section 4. From Dana Avenue to Woodburn Avenue.
- Section 5. From Woodburn Avenue to Asmann Avenue (formerly Hopkins).
- Section 6. From Asmann Avenue to Sherman Avenue and Reading Road.

From Asmann Avenue southward to Dana Avenue, on Sections 5 and 4, grading work is being done in preparation for the building of a westerly road between Asmann and Woodburn Avenues, and on Section 4, between Woodburn and Dana Avenues on the easterly side part way. On Section 2, one roadway of park property has been completed, well paved asphaltum bound macadam, between Rockdale Avenue and Gilbert Avenue. This road is already very considerably used for pleasure driving, and is a means of communication between the easterly and northerly parts of the city. The grading work is being pushed from Gilbert Avenue south to Chapel Street on Durrell Avenue. From Gilbert Avenue south to the Lutheran Cemetery this grading work is in preparation for the construction of the westerly roadway. tving into a single road on Durrell Avenue, and Durrell Avenue is a 100 foot boulevard to Chapel Street at present. A very material correction of lines at the intersection of Gilbert Avenue with the Bloody Run Parkway has been provided for with the co-operation of the Service Department of the city. The crossing of Gilbert Avenue will be materially widened; the curve-lines softened very much better and the grade of Gilbert Avenue raised approximately five feet; through these arrangements making possible on this crossing a very fine intersection of roads and correction of travel lines.



AN EDEN PARK WALK



A white ash, Short's Woods, Fernbank (Note 6-foot man beside tree)

### BLUE ROCK STREET OVAL

(Between Cherry and Turrill Streets)

On this little space the ground surface was changed from a broken stone paved surface between the curb-lines in the center of two roadways, to a grassed surface, making a park instead of a paved area at that point, planting trees and shrubs in its decorations.

### BURNET WOODS

The most pronounced bit of new work on Burnet Woods this year, was a sloping of the bank on Clifton Avenue, above the sidewalk level to the summit at the north line of the Cincinnati University grounds, transforming this portion of the border of the park from a raw, ugly bank to a grassed slope of good appearance. The raw bank immediately south of this on University property, is awaiting the construction of a boundary drive to be built between the University grounds and Burnet Woods at that point by the University authorities. In the playgrounds to the northwest of the lake the facilities have been considerably increased, adding gymnasium apparatus, benches, comfortable steps from the roadway down to lower level and essential furnishing of the shelter and toilet rooms.

### BURNET AVENUE AND READING ROAD

The ground surface having been finally completed, grass has been sown throughout on this land, the paths partly completed, and the trees and shrubs planted almost to completion. The property has begun to take form and enhancing the good appearance of that district. At the northwestern corner of this triangle there was completed a considerable finishing of ground surface in preparation for the building of two tennis courts at that point. The old sidewalk bordering on this property along Reading Road was removed, and a new concrete sidewalk in proper position placed along the entire line, and at the point of junction with Burnet Avenue, that end of the park is practically completed.

### DEER CREEK COMMON

This property has been actively used as a baseball field, and its use developed the necessity of a low-close fence along the Hunt Street side, preventing boys from being injured by traffic on the street in following balls thrown from the grounds.

### DEMPSEY PARK

During the year considerable has been done at this park in the way of planting both trees and shrubs.

### EDEN PARK

While not in reality new work or construction, the important expenditures on this property in the past year were the rebuilding of the Cliff Drive and the resurfacing of the Main Road from Park Avenue to the Gilbert Avenue entrance. A very material addition has been made to the general planting in the park. Incident to this, there is the development of the Iris Garden, transforming an ugly dumping place into a pretty garden in connection with the grounds at the Park Avenue entrance of the park.

### **EVANSTON ATHLETIC FIELD**

Two new tennis courts have been established on these grounds and some minor shaping of ground surface near the streetway done.

### FERNBANK PARKS

On Milton Sayler Park the ground surface was shaped and lawns established through the sowing of grass seeds.

### SHORT'S WOODS

The community there transferred their golf grounds from River Park to Short's Woods. The department did a very considerable work in trimming, cleaning and trying to save a large number of older damaged trees, and the whole grounds have been effectively cleaned.

### FILSON OUTLOOK

The shrub plantations on the border of this property have been materially added to, filling out earlier planting of the year before.

### HULBERT PLAYGROUND

The ground surface was graded to a finished condition and the fence surrounding the property completed.

### INWOOD PARK

A material addition has been made in planting on this property. Otherwise, expenditures were purely maintenance. There is being advertised for construction a new roof which practically

provides a second floor to the shelter house in that park, adding materially to the shade supplied for the users of the Inwood Park playgrounds.

### MT. AIRY FOREST

The new work on this property consists almost entirely in the forestry planting handled by the Forestry Department.

### LICK RUN BALL GROUNDS

These playgrounds were regraded and surface used for baseball and football fields. The lower portion is gradually being filled and brought to proper surface from waste material from that district.

### LINCOLN PARK

In this, preparations are being made for the erection of shelter buildings and completion of a children's playground at the western end of the property. Very considerable planting of trees and shrubs has been made supplementing old plantations on the entire property.

### MADISON PARK

On this, the slopes on the border sidewalks have been softened and resown and resodded, taking out also the uneven surfaces within the property, thereby smoothing over the entire ground surface, making the whole a very much more attractive and usable property. Along the eastern border the low ground has been cleared of undergrowth and the adjoining sidewalk space similarly cleaned. The lower ground is in preparation for a possible wading pool and the remainder of the surface for a playground on that property.

### MT. ECHO PARK

The entrance to this property from Elberon Avenue is cared for by the retaining wall and stair-way now being built. A roadway from this entrance to the top of the hill and the prominent viewpoints on Mt. Echo Park have been in part graded out, the remainder awaiting completion of the retaining wall at Elberon Avenue, and prospectively the whole of this will be completed in the spring of 1914.

### MT. STORM PARK

This property is in such excellent condition that it has so far required merely the cutting of grass and keeping the surface clean. A slight widening of the roadway at the residence building, thereby better accommodating the vehicle driving at the point, has been made, adding materially to the facility for driving through this property.

### MOHAWK PLAYGROUND

Along the canal at Mohawk and Central Avenue, the playground property was graded and made available for children's use, without apparatus, and a new sidewalk placed along the street line.

On most of playground surfaces the experimental use of tan-bark has so far proven extremely satisfactory and will undoubtedly lead to the use of this material on all playground surfaces.

### SYCAMORE STREET PLAYGROUND

The shelter building was completed in course of early spring, and the whole property has been in excellent use throughout the summer.

### WESTWOOD TOWN HALL LOT

An effective improvement was made on this property by changing and correcting the slopes on the border of the grounds and considerable planting of trees, shrubs and flowers.

### NURSERY

The rapid use of the trees and shrubs available in our nursery, suggests the necessity for a permanent nursery. It unquestionably is of very great service in obtaining our planting material in this way, rather than purchasing from the commercial nurseries for current use. The Department's Forestry Service is working on a number of the larger properties, growing trees that will permanently supply the needs of all the parks, as well as avenue trees necessary in time on boulevards and parkways. A most excellent progress has been made by the Forestry

EDEN PARK
The vale in which a new music pavilion is to be placed during 1914



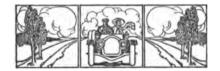
Department in the handling of seedlings and young cutting stock, and in building up the required trees. A very considerable service has been rendered by the same department in properly caring for injured trees which still remain too good to be removed; filling and proper covering of bad spots in a large number of excellent, valuable, old trees.

The work of the Forestry Department in Mt. Airy has proven an excellent and valuable work. A very large acreage has been successfully planted, the summer's growth showing excellent progress in the young seedlings and transplanted materials. In preparation for further work of this department the required areas have been plowed and held in cultivation during the year, carrying forward permanent policy and gradually covering practically all of the open spaces of the Mt. Airy Forest lands.

Respectfully yours,

C. H. MEEDS.

Park Engineer.



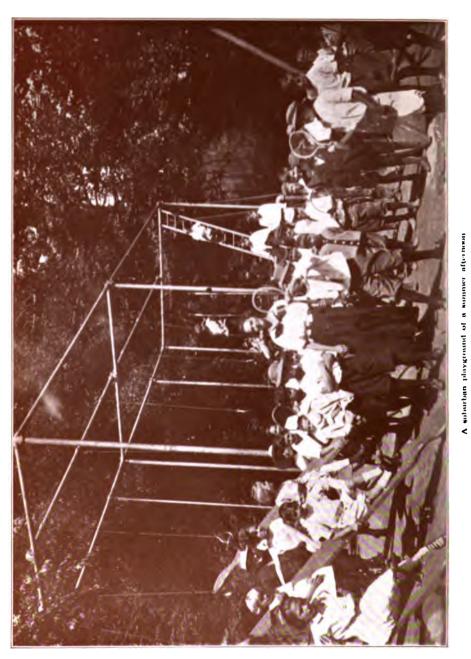
# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DISBURSEMENTS

Appropriations— Administration and Maintenance	Total	Bond Furbase of Property and Improvements \$227,265.41 Outstanding Orders and Contracts 65,289.65 Unincumbered Balance December 31, 1913 627,967.47	Total \$820,522.53	Thust Funds— Concerts—Burnet Woods \$ 1,868.00 Concerts—Various 2,571.00 Iron Fence—Dear Creek Common 600.00 Improvements—Price Hill Slope 100.00 Unincumbered Balance December 81, 1918 417.06	Total
APPROPRIATIONS— Taxes. 170,651.00 Refunders 128.88 Miscellaneous Revenue 1,936.30 Rents, etc. 896.66	Total \$ 173,612.84	BOND FUNDS—  Balance January 1, 1913\$ 70,506.90  Sale of Bonds—Bond Issue No. 16, 1913\$750,000.00  Refunders	Total\$\$20,522.53	TRUST FUNDS—  Balance January 1, 1913	Total

RECEIPTS





### PROPERTY PURCHASED DURING 1913

C	ost of Land	ACREAGE
Bloody Run Parkway (Addition to)	\$73,278.39	23.497
Burnet Woods (Addition to)	225.00	.016
Garfield Playground (Adjoining Garfield School)	11,705.00	2.23
Lee Park at Sayler Park (Addition to)	1,500.00	6.62
Mt. Airy Forest (Addition to)	10,475.58	92.73
North Fairmount Playground (Addition to)	1,330.00	.128
Pleasant Ridge Park	9,823.96	8. <b>63</b>
River Park at Fernbank (Property Leased during		
year 1912—14 acres)	3,540.00	
Riverside Park at Riverside	2,662.76	7.32
Turkey Ridge (Addition to)	2,456.59	1.051
Western and McLean Avenues Playground (Addi-		
tion to)	2,825.00	. 115
Expert Realty Services and Taxes on Various Prop-		
erties	869.18	
Total Cost and Acreage	120,691.46	142.337
OTHER BROBERTS ACCIONS I	NIDING 1019	
OTHER PROPERTY ACQUIRED I	OKING 1819	
Donations	ACREAGE	
Given by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault, Ault Park (Addi	-	
tion to)		
Given by Gaff Estate, Short's Woods (Addition to).		
Given by St. Xavier College, Bloody Run Parkwa		
(Addition to)		
Total		2.86 Acres
Leased Properties, Mt. Airy Forest		
By Annexation, Hartwell Oval		.02 Acres
Total Acreage		261 Acres
Total Cost of all Park Property	\$ 4,724,532.85	,
DONATIONS OF MONEYS RECEIVED	DURING 191	.3
Schmidlapp Fund (Concerts Paid for by Trustees),	18 Concerts at	
Eden Park and 10 at various Parks and		
Groesbeck Endowment Fund, for 12 Concerts at Burn		
Fleischmann Fund, for 24 Concerts at Down-town 1		<b>V</b> 1,011.00
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Citizens of Price Hill, for Improvement of Price Hil		_,020.00
ing Inclined Plane		100.00
Mrs. C. R. Holmes, toward Erection of Fence at De		200.00
mon		500.00
		230.00

# SUMMARIZED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PARK PROPERTIES

	Area in Acres	Cost of Land	Cost of Improve- ment	Total Cost
Park Land Owned by City	[			
Dec. 31, 1903	395.35	<b>\$</b> 2,584,833.49		\$2,584,833.49
Added during 1904	10.36	64,700.24		64,700.24
Added during 1905	31.865	636,281.89	\$ 33,707.42	669,989.31
Added during 1906	19.492	105,212.14	8,670.14	113,882.28
Added during 1907	12.20	103,333.02	13,506.58	116,839.60
Added during 1908	16.146	256,372.12	84,784.47	341,156.59
Added during 1909	72.872	86,651.60	128,997.87	215,649.47
Added during 1910	9.739	45,987.06	85,473.39	131,460.45
Added during 1911	715.371	544,967.39	100,612.03	645,579.42
Added during 1912	412.812	176,202.44	192,480.50	368,682.94
Added during 1913	310.147	120, <b>6</b> 91.46	78,643.93	199,335. <b>39</b>
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### PARK COMMISSIONERS

# UNDER THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE

# YEARS 1906, 1907, 1908

L. A. Ault President Max Senior Vice-President Henry Rattermann Secretary Wm. Salway Wm. B. Poland
Under the Park Act of May 19, 1907
YEAR 1909
I. A. Ault, President Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1911  Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1910  Julius Fleischmann Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1909
Year 1910
I. A. Ault, President Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1911  Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1910  Julius Fleischmann* Reappointed Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1912  George Puchta Appointed June 23 to fill unexpired term
Year 1911
L. A. Ault, President, Reappointed Dec. 10, 1911
YEAR 1912
L. A. Ault, President Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1914  Wm. Gilbert, Vice-President Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1913  George Puchta Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1912  Irwin M. Krohn Appointed May 17 to fill unexpired term  D. B. Meacham Appointment expiring Dec. 10, 1915
YEAR 1913
I. A. Ault, President
YEAR 1914
I. A. Ault, PresidentAppointment expiring Dec. 10, 1914  Irwin M. Krohn, Vice-PresidentAppointment expiring Dec. 10, 1916  John E. BruceAppointment expiring Dec. 10, 1915  *Resigned June 23, 1910.  †Resigned May 9, 1912.  †Resigned December 12, 1912.  †Resigned December 29, 4844 1918

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31, 1913

REMARKS	Donation from Freedmen's Aid Society of Methodist Episcopal Church.	410.80 Donation of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault.				acres. Purchased 51.755 acres. Transferred by Act of Council.	14,107.75   Land lessod from 1872 to 1881; purchased	111.34   m 1861. Donation of Mr. and Mrs. John Weld Peck.	160.75 Acquired by annexation.				27,425.96 (Part of land lessed from 1865 to 1908. Land	purchased from 1659 to 1906.
Cost of Maintenance Year 1913	86 67	• •		539.60	64.42	14.75		1,111.34	160.75	730.26	676.77	407.21	27,425.96	8.38
Cost of Improvement	8 8	5,344.85	128.50	583.74	31,932.91	675.92	83,915.46	17,556.57		43,656.01	22,623.20	2,218.19	202 ,339 .08	2,086.49
First Cost	21 640 17		3,516.35	82,928.36	136,602.07		925,633.63	67,021.79		262,251.42	17,393.62	36,555.42	1,712,252.71	18,032.28
Final Date of Acqui-	1912	1913	1911	1911	1913	1912	1881	1910 1912	1911	1906	1907	1904	1906	1161
Acreage	306.	171.672	77.	114.	84.162	g	169.963	7.431	4.75	13.133	10.	7.50	214.45	5.25
NAME AND LOCATION	Alexander Street Between Dorsey and Goethe Streets. Auburn Place	Mt. Auburn (Auburn and Auburndale Aves).	Mt. Lookout, Linwood Heights. Blshop and Jefferson Triangle	Blachly Backer Dodgest Deeds	Bloody Run Parkway. Walnut Hills and Avondale.	Blue Rock Street Oval	Burnet Woods	Burnet Ave. and Reading Road	Between Vine St. and Ohio Ave.	Deer Creek Common (A. F.)	Dempsey Park (A. F.)	East End Park (A. F.) Eastern Ave. and Torrence Road.	Eden Park and Gilbert Ave. Extension	Evanston Ballgrounds (A. P.)Langdon Ave.





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NAME AND LOCATION	Acreage	Final Date of Acqui- sition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1913	REMARKS
Fernbank Parks: Thorn Place Triangle Shorts Woods Niver Park Stuart Park Stuart Park Chestrut Roige 24 acres Stuart Park Stuart Park Stuare Park	37.	1913	\$3 ,540.00	\$47.72	\$1,626.08	Acquired by annexation: Stuart Park—Half acre leased from Big Four R. R. Perp. lease: \$1 per annum. Shorts Woods—Leased from H. S. Worthington—Perp. lease; \$450 per ann., dated March 4, 1912, payable semi-annually—Purchase price \$9,000.00. Donation Gaff Est., addition to Short
Filson Outlook (P. G.)	1.996	1909	25,498.76	19,079.26	1,640.87	Woods, 1.75 acres.
Garfield Park	1.	1868		1,506.61	623.95	623.95 (Donation of Mesers. J. H. and B. Piatt, April
Hanna Playground	1.	1909		5,554.73	1,022.21	Donation of Miss Mary Hanna.
Harrwell Ovel Hopkins Park	1.02	1912 1866	20.00	6,654.93	572.28	Acquired by annexation. Donation of Mr. Lewis C. Hopkins.
Auburn Ave. and Dorchester St. Hulbert Playground	.596	1161		3,540.22	692.51	692.51 (Donation of Mrs. Matilda H. Perin (Miss
Hyde Park Fountain	83	1910			20.00	Acquired by annexation.
Inwood Park (P. G.)	19.809	1906	110,529.80	96,839.10	6,026.36	
Lick Run Ballgrounds (A. F.)	4.25	1911	14,811.00	505.77	2.00	
Lincoln Park (P. G.)	.0	1858		15,135.39	4,657.59	(Acquired through exchanges of land in 1834
Freeman Ave. and Hopkins St.	83	1908				and 1857. Converted into a park in 1858. Acquired by annexation.
Lytle Park (P. G.)	1.36	1905	242,922.31	23,440.25	2,705.15	
Madison Park Madison Road and Erie Avenue.	4.442	1903	9,295.00	1 ,475.70	343.99	343.99 Acquired through annexation of Hyde Park 2.866 acres. Purchased 1.576 acres.
Madisonvine Parks:  Town Hall Park  Town Hall Park	%.	1912			12.00	12.00 Acquired by annexation.
Carson Streets	2.053	1910				Transferred by Act of Council.
McKinley Park (P. G.)	1.21	1905	50,694.39	21,615.50	2,122.42	
McMicken Ave. and Walnut St. (P. G.)	8	1911	45,050.39	5,008.54	955.71	
Reading Road and Rose Hill Ave.	8	1911		00.6		23.17 Donation of Mr. Albert D. Mitchell.
Monawk Flayground Central Ave. West of Mohawk Bridge.	.641	1161	22,859.45	1.336.24	35.78	

# PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31, 1913—Continued

REMARKS	Kittredge Farm—Leased from E. W. Kittrerdge Farm—Leased from E. W. Kittrerdge Farm—Leased from E. W. Kittrerdge Farm—Leased from E. W. Kittrespeal in Proceedings of the Conference of the Confe	payable quartery—runtuase price approve			Leased for ten years from D. R. Herrick et al., April 9, 1909—Rental \$420.00	The Year	1,180.35 (Donation of Mesers, C. B. and B. C. Per- kins.		870.66 Transferred by Act of Council.	Donation of \$500 by the citizens of Price	Hill for improvements. Loaned to the city, improved and maintained by the	The Jewah Settlement turned this over to the Park Department, which sesumed expense of supervision. Discontinued Aug. 30, 1913.
Cost of Maintenance Year 1913	<b>84</b> ,717.69	2,900.53	2,733.39		4,690.12		1,180.35	1.40	870.66		<b>8</b> 3	232.69
First Cost   Cost of Improvement	<b>24</b> ,706 .75	23,267.31	918.86		4 ,527.31		2,840.68		3,441.77	20.35	1,009.36	8.8
First Cost	<b>8</b> 70,067.99	74,640.46	117,310.45	7,878.04		11,706.00	(f) 550.83	46,940.50		9,823.96		
Final Date of Acqui- sition	1913	1908	1161	1912	1906	1913	9061	1161	1910	1913	1912	
Acreage		50.860	86.85	3	83.	23	5.80	31.50	<u> </u>	æ 8	:	
NAME AND LOCATION	Mt. Alry Forest Purchased Leased Property: E. W. Kattredge Jos. Bone Io. Bone F. Leiser F. Leiser	Mt. Echo Park (A. F.)	Elberon Avenue. Mt. Storm Park	North Fairmount Playground	Nursery (Leased)	Osterbrock Property (Garfield Playground)	Edgewood and Elmore Streets Owls Nest Park. Madison Road.	Parkers Woods and Thompson Tract	Pearl Street Playfound.	Pleasant Ridge. Welfare Park.	ty and Wilder Avenues.	Providence Play ground Fitnerth and Providence Streets.

THE CREEK, MCFARLAN GLEN, MT. AIRY FOREST

MCPARLAN GLEN FALLS, MT. AIRY FOREST

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31, 1913—Continued

Taxes and recording deed.	-	Taxes.	÷	letic Fiel	(A. F.) Athletic Field	NOTE—(P. G.) Playground. (
	\$105,925,38	\$813,484,29	2003.261 \$4,724,532.85	-	2003.261	Totals
.95 acres—Purchased .218 acres.	64.100	10.050, 0	11, 500, 01	MET	1.100	Madison and Observatory Roads.
10.70 acres—Purchased .569 acres.	0, 122	10 000 6	15 500 71	1010	1 100	Foot of Rockdale Ave., Avondale.
,257,25 Donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Noyes,	1,257,25	25,181,36	3,015.00	1908	11,269	East of Grand Ave., Price Hill. Woodward Park (P. G.)
Donation by Mrs. Mebitable C. Wilson.	413.70	40.87	(+) 174.55	1905	8.395	Grounds around Town Hall Wilson Common
Acquired by annexation.	255.19	124.39	***************************************	1161	.75	Westwood Town Hall Lot
	934.72	10,793.73	13,260.11	1911	21.27	Western and McLean Aves. (P. G.) Westwood Common (A. F.)
	4,494.22	18,432.17	138,050.00	1853	5.60	Washington Park
Transferred by Act of Council.		627.80		1910	1.157	Warsaw and Woodlawn Aves. (P. G.)
	158.75	933.96	10,705.57	1161	1.216	Walnut Hills Playground
	771.32	6,167.71	18,799.42	1904	3,755	Strader and Congress Streets. Vine and Hollister Park
acres—Purchased 6.629 acres.						South of Eastern Ave., between Delta and
FÖ	24.58	1,285.54	29,450.99	1911	1.50	Third add Collard Streets. Turkey Ridge
144.39 [Donation of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Taft,	144.39	11,254.02	4,826.71	1911	13.524	Taft Field (A. F.)
	59.58	11,475.06	64,740.51	1161	.45	Barr, Cutter, Kenyon and Mound Sts. Sycamore Street Playground
_	5,495.42	60,538.86	255,865.47	1908	2.33	Fairmount. Sinton Park (P. G.)
Purchased 12.22 acres.  Donation of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Hauck		829.81	(*) 300.48	1912	19.	Schuetzenbuckel Park
D	1,146.37	197.60	3,120.00	1913	18.712	k
\$6.00 Transferred by Act of Council.	\$6.00	\$724.00		1910	.072	Liston and Olive Avenues. Rochelle and Falke Sts. Triangle
			\$2,662.76	1913	7.32	Riverside Park
REMARKS	Cost of Maintenance Year 1913	Cost of Improvement	First Cost	Final Date of Acqui- sition	Acreage	NAME AND LOCATION

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# BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

January 18, 1915.

To His Honor, the Mayor,

Frederick S. Spiegel,

Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Dear Sir:

We hand you herewith the report of the Board of Park Commissioners for the year 1914, consisting

First: Of a resume of the year's more important matters;

Second: By the reports of the several executive officers who treat their subjects in detail;

Third: By a condensed statement of funds, both bond and tax;

Fourth: By statistical tables of Cincinnati's parks.

Very respectfully,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

L. A. AULT, President.

WM. HODGKINSON, Secretary.

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### A RESUME OF THE YEAR'S MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS.

### General Condition.

The condition of the parks has improved annually. This is attributable to the earnest, serious effort of our working force. Few changes in the personnel have been made for several years. The officers and men are enthusiastic and diligent. Effective effort has been rewarded with secure position. Through weekly meetings and reports, the Board and their employes are in touch and harmony.

### Parks.

A gratifying increase in the park attendance was noticeable this year. Walking, driving, picnicing, tennis and golf continue the chief attractions.

The Sunday afternoon concerts in Eden Park were attended by great crowds, so much so that they cut off travel in the main drive. As the old wooden building was beyond economical repair, and as there was a fund available through a bond issue of \$15,000, passed in 1908 by Council, the Board built a new music pavilion in the valley south of the Art Museum, where it is estimated 20,000 people may be accommodated in a natural amphitheatre. The pavilion is architecturally good, the basement holds all the conveniences required by a large throng and the structure is permanent.

Street car approaches are much needed to Ault Park, Avon Field and Mt. Airy Forest. This need, though it does not prevent their use, would greatly increase it.

The small downtown parks have been given especial attention. They have constantly to be replanted, as city conditions are not advantageous to the health of the more permanent shrubs and trees. In two of these properties, namely, Lincoln and Washington Parks, playgrounds have been developed this year. Handsome, convenient houses erected, and wading or dabbling pools built. The use to which the children have put them speaks for itself.

### Funds.

Funds for 1914 were short and had to be distributed with minute care. During the first half of the year we counted upon receiving \$170,651 for the year's maintenance. During the second six month's period this amount was reduced to \$154,584.97.

By careful husbanding of resources a successful season was completed, and 1914 saw our parks at their best thus far, although at their least cost for maintenance per acre.

### The Future.

While speaking of funds, it is evident that those received from taxes under existing laws will be insufficient for park needs.

The popular demand for greater activities can not be met by present methods, and we would suggest for consideration the plan proposed for raising funds for parks in the draft of the new city charter of 1913. This, though brief in language, appears ample in scope, and we believe would meet with popular approval.

### Specializing.

With the larger growth of the department, it became necessary to specialize.

A Head Gardener, equipped by education and experience, was employed, with gratifying results.

The Engineer, with his multitudinous duties, was assisted by detailing other officials to individual service.

The playgrounds were apportioned to the Secretary, who could give them more detailed attention. Thus larger attendance and better service was achieved.

Mt. Airy Forest, one of our large problems, requiring careful study and close attention, was placed under an advisory committee, consisting of the Landscape Architect, the State Forester and the Secretary as the executive member. Thus the Engineer is relieved from much detail and his whole time given to the ever-increasing demands of general administration.

### New Buildings.

Five new buildings were erected this year, namely, one each at Washington Park, Lincoln Park, Grant and Symmes Playgrounds, and Eden Park Music Pavilion. An important addition, necessitated by increased use, was also made to the Inwood house. For this architectural work a building superintendent was employed, who carried on the construction according to plans and specifications, and to the satisfaction of the Board.

### Rounding Out.

Several of the newer parks were incomplete, in that their outlines were ragged and contained isolated private holdings. This was the case in the Bloody Run Parkway, Ault Park and Mt. Airy Forest. These blocks have been completed and their boundaries perfected.

A 12-foot strip of ground was procured for an entrance to Wilson Common from Grand Avenue. This allowed the introduction of water, as well as access, from the main thoroughfare, which though but 50 feet from the Common, required a detour of several hundred feet to approach.

### Donations of Land.

The largest gifts of park land during the year were: 33 acres by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ault, being an addition to Ault Park, Linwood, making the total donation of a property of 205.003 acres.

An 88-acre tract by Mr. J. Nelson Caldwell, on the old North Bend

Road, northwest of and adjoining Carthage. The land consists of rugged hills and valleys, bounded on the east by Millcreek, and containing a large tract of valuable original forest.

Mr. Caldwell gave this property as a memorial to his father, James Nelson Caldwell.

The property is of peculiar historical interest, as it was part of the Miami grant, George Washington, President, to John Cleves Symmes, in 1785, by whom it was sold in 1796 to James Caldwell, the great uncle of the donor; therefore, the property has had but one family ownership of record.

Mr. Bernard H. Kroger presented a property of 82 acres to the city for park purposes forever. The property is located on the C. M. & L. Traction line, facing the Little Miami River, in close proximity to the Y. M. C. A. camp at Terrace Park. It is well wooded and an attractive piece of ground.

It was used during the summer by the Cincinnati Anti-Tuberculosis Society as a camp for anemic children.

Mr. James N. Gamble donated for park purposes in the McFarlan Division of Mt. Airy Forest a beautiful piece of ridge and wooded slope, along McFarlan Glen, 4.66 acres in area.

### ACQUISITIONS BY PURCHASE.

### Inwood Park.

Inwood Park, north of Hollister Street and east of Vine, not many years since was a great hollow. This has gradually been filling. The front is now a piece of garden along Vine and Hollister Streets. The rear will be used for ball grounds or tennis courts in the near future.

The purchase of all necessary property has been completed at Inwood Park.

There remain in the courts for perfection of title through various causes a number of holdings, which will shortly be deeded to the city. All are remnants of larger parks and are the invariable round-up.

Ludlow Field, a property of 2.488 acres, situated in Cumminsville beneath the Ludlow Viaduct, was purchased at a nominal cost for use as an athletic field. Being in close proximity to a large population, it will be of great use and is expected to accommodate two ball diamonds.

The total acquisition of park property during 1914 was 397.909 acres.

The total park area at the close of business December 31, 1914, is 2,400.864 acres.

### Parkways.

Although The Kessler Plan includes numerous parkways, but one has been undertaken, and that in part only, namely, the Bloody Run Parkway. Extending from Chapel Street, Walnut Hills, to the north end of Avondale, ostensibly to connect Eden Park with Avon Field, actually to enhance values of city property from which taxes are derived; to relieve congestion of traffic by inviting the swift, from the slow moving on city streets, and to create desirable building lots. The parkway will consist of good, smooth roads, bordered by wide grass, sidewalk and tree spaces, interspersed with gardens, pools, playgrounds, tennis and game courts, groves and shrubberies. For convenient reference the parkway is divided into six sections, in two of which one road is complete. Three sections are under construction.

Section 6 has been the most difficult and slowest of acquisition, and for that reason, up to the present, no constructive work has been undertaken.

This parkway, 2% miles in length, when complete will add greatly to the beauty of the city, as well as facilitate travel between the suburbs served. Its embellishment will be started in 1915.

### Mt. Echo Park.

Mt. Echo Park has not received its deserved attendance, chiefly on account of its difficult access. A new entrance started in 1912 will be completed in the early part of 1915. By careful engineering a short, winding, easily graded road, held up by a fine piece of native stone masonry, has connected Elberon Avenue with the park at its highest point.

The grading has been completed, the wall finished and after the winter's settling of the filled ground, the whole will be in condition to receive the road surface.

This will bring the park within five minutes' walk from the Elberon cars, creating a large public use.

### Playgrounde.

Seventeen of our 22 playgrounds were in operation during 1914. The attendance has come up annually, until this year it exceeds a million. The grounds are placed throughout the more populous districts of the compact city, the most easterly being at Turkey Ridge, the most westerly in the West End, the most northerly in Walnut Hills.

Inwood Playground was the first modern plant. The response to its inauguration was so gratifying that the Board has created and equipped playgrounds as rapidly as feasible.

The carpenters' strike of the past summer so delayed the buildings on four of the new playgrounds that tents and other temporary shelters were used. The houses, we are glad to state, are now complete and ready for the approaching season.

The supervision and direction of the playgrounds was satisfactory. The assistance given by the local organizations, chiefly the Mothers' Clubs, was a live element in the success of the season.

Other than the daily occupations, such as bathing, games, ball and athletics, lawn fetes or children's fairs were given, the profits from which are expended on the grounds for furnishings, games, and to take the children on picnics to the suburban parks.

The concerts and moving picture shows given at numerous playgrounds were well attended and thoroughly appreciated.

The Public Library very graciously allowed their story-teller to interest and amuse the children with standard tales. At first, child like, they were shy, but speedily they were so interested that they would drop any occupation to listen to the "Story Lady."

### Athletics.

Athletic fields, like other playgrounds, are distributed through the city, save at greater intervals.

We have 18 athletic fields accommodating 27 ball diamonds, which give our young men ample opportunity to play the national game.

Other than baseball and football, few amusements have proved attractive. In order to procure greater and more satisfactory use of these grounds, a Director of Recreation, employed by the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Association, was placed under the direction of this Board, with headquarters in our administration building.

The Director of Recreation gave out all baseball permits for Saturdays and Sundays. Other days of the week the diamonds are used without restriction. His efforts were directed toward improving the game, its more peaceful procedure, the organization of amateur clubs and leagues, proper umpiring and a general high standard of manly sport.

An admirable spirit permeated the clubs, and the season was most successful.

### A Gap.

A gap exists between the playground and the athletic field.

The child graduates from the playground at the age of 16 years. Excepting the most venturesome, the boys do not begin to play on the athletic fields for a year or two. The girls equally lack healthy openair recreation, therefore, at the threshold of useful life, the door is found locked. Mixed, inexperienced youth must amuse and occupy itself or be debarred freedom of action to avoid disaster. No satisfactory solution has yet been found to fill this gap.

### Dances.

An attempt has been made to serve this intermediate stage, the one requiring the most care, by instituting evening dances at the playgrounds. These dances are self-sustaining. The playground instructors gave their time. They charge a penny apiece a dance, and the receipts paid for the rather primitive music. The dances were, however, enjoyed and well attended.

At Sinton Park, in a mixed population, one evening a week was given to colored and one to white dances. No disorders or interruptions occurred.

Just how this problem of the intermediate age can be handled is a matter for serious consideration.

### Golf.

For those of our people desiring less strenuous amusement, those who have graduated from the ball field, was another problem.

Burnet Woods had a small nine-hole golf course where few individuals played. After a little study it was decided to turn Avon Field, then Blachly Farm, to use. At the beginning of the season it was practically a waste, grown up to brambles and weeds. A professional golfer, a graduate from St. Andrews Links, Scotland, was engaged and quickly laid out and inaugurated a nine-hole golf course. The experiment proved satisfactory. The expense was comparatively small and the attendance surprisingly large. At the end of the season the course became so crowded that work on an additional nine holes was begun. For 1915 the course will be eighteen holes.

With the advent of the electric car extension to Bond Hill, which will run through the park, the eighteen holes will be in constant use.

Another golf course of eighteen holes is being prepared in Mt. Airy Forest, starting and finishing within three minutes' walk of the car line. Our professional states this will be the longest course in the country, one of the best, and perhaps the most attractive. Starting on the West Fork Road, near Colerain Pike, three holes take one to the upper plateau, fifteen holes are played through most beautiful surroundings and views, forests, glades, distant hills, far-reaching valleys and through young tree nurseries. The eighteenth hole, a drive and an approach, from the brow of the plateau to the low level, completes a 6,500-yard course, leaving the golfer within 100 yards of his car.

### **ENGINEER'S ANNUAL REPORT. 1914.**

Cincinnati, December 31, 1914.

To the Honorable

The Board of Park Commissioners, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Gentlemen:

I herewith submit report covering the work on the various park properties throughout the city, the total number being 77 separate and distinct properties ranging in size from .07 acres to over 960 acres. On some of these properties, no improvements have been made during the past year.

All of the improved properties have been maintained in good condition and on the following some work has been done, other than ordinary maintenance.

### AUBURN PLACE.

(Auburn and Auburndale Avenues.)

Some little change was made in the planting of this triangle by the addition of evergreens, cutting out a number of the flower beds.

### AULT PARK.

Principio Avenue, which for the present will be the principal entrance to this park, was completed during the month of November, this year, by the Service Department, the preliminary work on this improvement having been started in 1911.

Very little money has been spent on this park for other purposes than that of ordinary maintenance. A portion of what was formerly Heekin Avenue inside the park entrance has been improved.

A tennis court has been provided for in the reservoir basin near the Monroe House.

An addition to the barn for the protection of the sheep has been constructed near the residence of the caretaker. This flock of 97 sheep has proven one of the interesting attractions of the park; they have not only been attractive but useful in that they help keep down weeds and briars and also the pasturing helps to develop a fine blue-grass sod.

A number of old buildings have been removed.

On this property an investigation was made for the purpose of establishing a golf course. This, however, was found to be not feasible.

### BLOODY RUN PARKWAY.

For the means of identifying certain portions of this parkway for the purpose of construction, the same has been subdivided into sections as follows:

Section 1: From Chapel Street and Durrell Avenue to Gilbert Avenue.

Section 2: From Gilbert Avenue to Rockdale Avenue.

Section 3: From Rockdale Avenue to Dana Avenue.

Section 4: From Dana Avenue to Woodburn Avenue.

Section 5: From Woodburn Avenue to Asmann Avenue (formerly Hopkins).

Section 6: From Asmann Avenue crossing Sherman Avenue to Reading Road.

Section 1.—The grading on this section, amounting to 82,842.5 cubic yards, has been completed for a single roadway. This roadway will be covered with macadam and opened for travel during the coming year.

The City, through its Service Department, is now at work on the construction of Gilbert Avenue as relocated, where the same crosses the parkway. This work will also be finished early in the coming year.

In the process of construction four houses were removed from this section, two by the owners and two by this Department.

With the finishing of this section, a very short connection will be had from Walnut Hills to Avondale, using Rockdale Avenue or Wyndham Avenue through Woodward Park.

Section 2.—The roadway on this section has been in use for the past year and has proven very satisfactory.

The only work by this Department was the construction of a ball-ground, about midway of this section.

During the coming year tennis courts will be constructed near the location of the ballgrounds, as well as a children's playground. This is made necessary owing to the grading of Section 3, as the new roadway runs through the old playground at Woodward Park.

Section 3.—During the past year satisfactory arrangements have been made with the C. L. & N. Railway Company for the property to be acquired from them in order to construct the roadway between Rockdale and Dana Avenues, the grading of which amounts to approximately 107,000 cubic yards. A contract has already been entered into and the work is, at this time, about 25% completed.

Owing to topographical conditions, there will be but one roadway through this section. Lexington Avenue and possibly Glenwood Avenue will be connected with the parkway.

Section 4.—The grading on this section, amounting to 23,804 cubic yards, was completed this year, sewers for road drainage constructed, sub-grade prepared and covered with cinders, and a part of the first course of stone has already been placed.

Section 5.—The grading on this section, amounting to 19,373 cubic yards, was completed early this year, sewers installed for road drainage and the road itself, which is of asphaltic macadam, completed, and opened for travel on November 5, 1914.

Section 6.-No work has been started on this section.

### BLUE ROCK OVAL.

The old market space, located on Blue Rock Street, has been maintained during the year. Shrubbery, flowers and trees have been replaced where necessary.

### BURNET WOODS.

The old wooden steps from the end of Lakewood, crossing the park into the main road, and the steps leading from the playground to the music pavilion, have been replaced with stone steps.

The walks along the main road have been resurfaced and a new walk from Woodside to Bishop Street on St. Clair has been constructed.

Some new drinking fountains have also been installed.

Perhaps the greatest improvement on this property has been the extension of University Avenue from Woodside to Clifton Avenue, forming a park connection between the above mentioned streets, and also making a dividing line between the park and the University.

Plans have been prepared and a contract let for the laying of water pipe in three places along the lake to provide for the flooding of the lake during the skating season. The roads throughout the park are in excellent condition, a considerable part of them having been oiled during the year.

### CALDWELL PARK.

A tract of land, lying to the west of Millcreek, a greater portion being north of the North Bend Road, consisting of some 88 acres, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Caldwell. This consists of rolling ground, a portion of which is covered by the original virgin forest, same having been in the Caldwell family since 1796, when it was purchased by them from John Cleves Symmes.

### COLLEGE HILL PARK.

Extensive improvements have been made on these grounds in the way of shrubbery and tree planting and by the construction of a double tennis court.

### DEER CREEK COMMON.

An additional ball diamond was constructed on these grounds at the southwest corner, with the necessary pipe and wire backstop.

A portion of the building formerly occupied by the Early & Daniel Company has been removed. Preparations are being made for a warehouse which will permit the removal of the remainder of this building in a very short time.

### DEMPSEY, PARK.

Considerable was added to this park in the way of shrub and tree planting during the year.

### EAST END COMMON.

One new baseball backstop was provided for these grounds and some tree planting done during the past year.

### EDEN PARK.

The new music pavilion has been constructed in the valley southeast from the Art Museum. This is more accessible to the street cars than the old bandstand which has been removed and avoids the blocking of the thoroughfare through the park during concerts.

A tennis court has been constructed near the Mt. Adams Shelter House.

Water and a drinking fountain have been supplied to the tennis courts located near the end of Sinton Avenue.

Some change was made in the formal garden south of the greenhouses, in the arrangement of the flower beds. This proved one of the most attractive spots in the entire park during the summer.

The floral display at the greenhouse is always good. There is something on display during the entire year. The chrysanthemum show was unusually good, and at the present time there is a very attractive display of begonia, poinsettas and orchids, some species of the latter being in bloom almost the entire year.

The greenhouse propagated for bedding plants (which were used throughout the various parks of the city this spring) about 175,000 plants, consisting of geraniums, cannas, colias and various other bedding and border plants. The past fall the same force has placed in the various parks 65,500 bulbs, consisting of hyacinths and tulips.

Some work has been done on the slopes along Gilbert Avenue in the way of constructing water breaks and the planting of roses and honeysuckle.

The terraces above Elsinore Tower were used during the summer for children's gardens.

In the portion of Eden Park west of Gilbert Avenue a change was made in the formal floral plantings, which added very much to the appearance of the park.

In the course of the reconstruction of the west reservoir, the City Water Works changed the location of the wall at the northwest and northeast corners, necessitating some grading in order that these corners may be properly cared for, a part of which work has already been accomplished.

The main roadway, instead of the ordinary park roadway, has become the main thoroughfare for automobiles and other pleasure vehicles, from the eastern section of the city. The record kept for four days in August, 1914, shows the average number of motor and horse-drawn vehicles using this roadway to be 2,830 per day from 6 A. M. to 12 midnight; the largest number being 3,404, the smallest 2,250.

### EVANSTON ATHLETIC FIELD.

No new construction was undertaken here during the year, although there was some demand for more tennis courts. The present court was practically maintained by the Tennis Club of Evanston.

### FERNBANK PARKS.

The only new work on the parks at Home City and Fernbank was the construction of an enclosure for tennis courts, the grading of these courts being done by the Lower River Road Improvement Association. The work on the golf course was also done by the people of the vicinity.

### FILSON OUTLOOK.

An electric conduit was laid along the outer edge of the walk around the playground and five-lamp standards placed for electric lights.

Some new shrubbery planting was done on this property.

The principal work, however, was the construction of the pile foundation for the Reakirt Fountain, including water supply and drainage. This fountain is to be erected by Mr. L. B. Reakirt during the coming year.

### GARFIELD PARK.

The old-style drinking fountain in the park between Race and Elm Streets has been replaced with a bubbling fountain. In this connection it was also necessary to construct a sewer from Elm Street for drainage purposes.

Owing to the extremely dry season, considerable difficulty was

experienced in maintaining grass at this park. During the past fall the park was thoroughly mulched with the hope of securing better results during the coming year.

### HARRISON PLAYGROUND.

This playground adjoins the Oyler School, Staebler Street running between the school and the property.

The buildings on this property have been wrecked and the grounds graded.

### HARTWELL OVAL.

This small tract was cared for in the usual way, flower beds being maintained throughout the summer.

### HOPKINS PARK.

During the past year the shrubbery plantations were renewed and some additions made.

We have had no caretaker at this park for the past year, it being under the supervision of the caretaker at Inwood Park.

### INWOOD PARK.

An addition was made to the shelter building, and a cement walk laid in front of the building connecting with the wading pool.

Additions were made to the shrubbery and tree plantings.

Some minor changes were made in the walks and a new walk constructed, and a flight of stone steps leading from Inwood Place into the park.

The City at the present time is improving Rice and Thill Streets, which abut this property for a short distance on the west and south.

### KENNEDY HEIGHTS.

By process of annexation this department comes into possession of a small park at Kennedy Heights, a rather rough and rugged piece of ground, for which no plan of development has been made.

### KROGER HILLS.

Formerly known as Bamford Hills, a gift of Mr. B. H. Kroger, comprising some 82 acres.

This property last year, through the courtesy of the Board of Park Commissioners, was used by the Anti-Tuberculosis League as a camp for anemic children, a most worthy charity which deserves a special report of its own. It can, however, only be mentioned here,

The only work on the property by this Department was painting the roofs of some of the buildings. ٠,

### LICK RUN BALLGROUNDS.

These grounds are used principally for baseball and football playing. Some improvements were made on the fields during the past year, and two new backstops were erected.

### LINCOLN PARK.

The new shelter building in this park has been finished and preparations have been made for the necessary regrading of the play-grounds. In connection with this grading, a low wall has been constructed along the sidewalk adjacent to the wading pool.

Considerable work was done in the way of shrubbery planting throughout the park.

Plans and estimates were prepared for laying pipe to supply this park with water to flood the lake during the skating season, but owing to lack of funds, this work could not be executed at this time.

### LOSANTIVILLE TRIANGLE.

Additions have been made to the shrubbery and tree plantings; the cosmos set out in the shrubbery beds proved an attractive feature of the park, being in full bloom during early fall, lasting until frost.

A double tennis court was finished during the spring, which has proven a popular addition to the park.

### LUDLOW FIELD.

This property, lying on the north side of Millcreek and just south of Ludlow Avenue, was acquired and will be used as a ballground. Owing to the construction of the Millcreek sewer through these grounds, it was not possible to use them during the past year. However, two ball diamonds will be made available during the coming season.

### MADISON PARK.

The only new work was the construction of a single tennis court, some shaping of banks, seeding and sodding.

### MOHAWK AND CANAL.

During the year a strip of ground along the bank of the canal for about 250 feet lying just south of the Mohawk bridge was maintained by the Mohawk Improvement Association. The planting and sodding was done by this Department.

### MT. AIRY FOREST.

The work on this property during the past year has been largely that of clearing and cleaning up, removing old fences and buildings, which were no longer necessary.

### WAYNE PLAYGROUND.

This playground adjoins the Garfield School, and has been graded, 2,241 cubic yards of material moved. Five hundred and twelve cubic yards of this was old hot-bed material, which was piled and will be used for top dressing lawns for planting and such other work in the various parks where rich soil may be required.

A portion of this ground is still below the street level and should be filled at least to that level whenever material can be secured for that purpose.

### WILSON COMMON.

During the year a strip of ground 12 feet in width was purchased from Mr. Gallagher, which now gives this property an entrance from Grand Avenue. This entrance will make the park available for a considerable population from the westerly side, which heretofore had to enter the park in a roundabout way.

Water has been supplied and a drinking fountain installed.

A temporary backstop has also been constructed on the small baseball field on this property.

### WOODWARD PARK.

Owing to the construction of the parkway through the playgrounds at this park, it became necessary to remove the tennis courts and playground paraphernalia. These will be replaced in Section 2, as stated elsewhere in this report, or at some other place in the park.

Stone steps and stepping stones were laid connecting the lower level of the park with the hill at a point near the junction of the park roadway and Rockdale Avenue.

### AVON FIELD

### (Blachly Farm).

During the past year this property has been very greatly improved by the construction of a nine-hole golf course and the necessary clearing and cleaning up of the property in connection therewith. Plans have been made for the extension of this course to one of eighteen holes, which will be completed early in the coming year.

The greater part of the nursery plantings which were started on this property have been removed. The remainder will be removed during the spring.

Through the kindness of Mr. E. W. Edwards, of the Edwards Manufacturing Company, a small metal shelter building was donated for the use of the golf players.

Water and a drinking fountain have been installed and temporary toilet facilities have been established.

On a large number of properties not mentioned, no improvements were made, the only work being that of ordinary maintenance. Even on the properties covered in this report many of the details have not been mentioned owing to the fact that it was deemed best to make this report as brief as possible.

This Department has, through the Head Gardener, Mr. Barclay, given considerable aid to the Board of Hospital Commissioners in the planning and laying out of their grounds for shrubbery beds and tree planting.

A considerable portion of this planting has already been accomplished.

It has been our constant endeavor to instill into the minds of all the men that we not only wanted, but expected them to deliver \$2.00 worth of work for \$2.00, and we hope during the coming year to raise our standard of efficiency still higher.

The reports of the Head Gardener and the Captain of Police hereto attached show conclusively that their departments have done everything possible and have not spared themselves in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MEEDS.

Park Engineer

# ANNUAL REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER FROM JANUARY 1, 1914, TO DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Mr. C. H. Meeds.

Park Engineer.

Dear Sir:

A condensed report for a year on the horticultural work in the parks must necessarily show very few of the many interesting details, but the following is an endeavor to show the main points of the work.

Great care has been taken to thoroughly prepare the soil before planting, and to have the planting done with proper care. The loss due to poor digging in the nursery, careless handling and improper planting has been considerably less than 1%. Tree borers were exceedingly troublesome during the past summer and made necessary the replacement of a considerable number of trees.

An endeavor is being made to increase the number of species of shrubs and trees in the park nursery. The number of species and varieties now on hand is about 400.

A start has been made in raising a number of herbaceous perennials, especially such as flower during late summer after the vast majority of woody plants have ceased flowering. About 5,000 plants of various species were raised at Mt. Airy during the season.

The stock in the park nursery has been kept up through propagation by seeds and cuttings, and by purchase of small plants and young trees. Since three years are usually necessary to raise a shrub to planting size, and a longer period for trees, the park lands likely to be planted three or more years from now have been kept in mind and the main restocking of the nursery made of plants best suited for these plantings.

Following is a condensed list of the plantings in the various parks, completed to December 15, 1914:

### AUBURN TRIANGLE.

178 shrubs and trees. New planting with considerable loss, mainly due to injury by public.

### BLUE ROCK OVAL.

36 shrubs and trees. Replacement planting, trees injured by borers.

### COLLEGE HILL TOWN HALL.

1917 shrubs and trees. Entirely new planting.

### DEER CREEK COMMON.

3781 shrubs and trees. New planting January, 1914, with replacements the past fall amounting to 5%.

### DEMPSEY PARK.

924 shrubs and trees. New planting with a number of replacements the past fall of trees injured by borers.

### DYER SCHOOL.

18 trees. Large spruce trees planted in tubs on roof.

### EAST END BALL GROUNDS.

44 trees.

### EDEN PARK.

3,403 shrubs and trees, 2,071 herbs, 19,950 vines. The principal new shrub plantings were: South of Elsinore Tower, along Paradrome Street and about the city pumping station. The plantings of herbaceous perennials were mainly north of the pumping station and along the walk about the reservoirs. The vines planted—mainly honeysuckle and English Ivy—have been used to cover various small areas of bare ground especially on Gilbert Avenue, on Parkside Place and along the Zoo-Eden car line.

### FOUNTAIN SQUARE.

177 evergreen trees. While these small evergreens cannot be expected to live long under the artificial conditions, yet the above number of replacements was mostly because of damage by the public.

### GARFIELD PARK.

78 shrubs, 22 trees. Improvement of shrubberies and additional tree planting.

### GRANT PLAYGROUND.

5 trees.

### HANNA PLAYGROUND.

6 trees.

### HOPKINS PARK.

297 shrubs. Mainly improvement planting. Some replacements because of injury by the public.

### HULBERT PLAYGROUND.

10 trees.

### INWOOD PARK.

958 shrubs and trees. Mostly improvement planting, especially about playground building and near park boundary at Orphan Asylum. Considerable replacement of trees injured by borers.

### JOHNSTON PARK.

5 trees.

### LINCOLN PARK.

2,350 shrubs and trees, 913 herbs. Improvement planting mainly on island and lake border, with some replacements because of injury by boys.

### LOSANTIVILLE TRIANGLE.

New planting. 1,963 shrubs and trees. Improvement planting mainly to form foliage background along north boundary. Some replacement of trees.

### LYTLE PARK.

4 trees.

McKINLEY PLAYGROUND.

24 trees.

MOHAWIK PLAYGROUND.

17 trees.

MT. ECHO PARK.

223 trees.

### OWLS NEST PARK.

710 shrubs and trees. New planting at entrance and at rear of park.

### PEARL STREET PLAYGROUND.

8 trees.

### SINTON PARK.

269 shrubs. Maintenance planting.

### TAFT FIELD.

86 trees. Replacement planting.

### TURKEY RIDGE.

90 trees. Entirely new planting.

### WALNUT HILLS PLAYGROUND.

25 trees. Entirely new planting.

### WASHINGTON PARK.

885 shrubs, 500 vines. Replacements of shrubs injured by the public with some changes in shrubbery outlines and a few new groups.

A good number of hawthornes were used in an endeavor to prevent paths being made through the border shrubbery.

### WESTWOOD TOWN HALL LOT.

201 shrubs, 625 vines. New planting mainly about base of building. The vines were mainly to form a ground cover at a place too shaded for grass.

### TOTALS.

18,714 shrubs and trees 2,984 herbaceous perennials 21,075 vines

42,773

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. BARCLAY,

Head Gardener.

### CHART SHOWING WORK DONE ON DEVELOPED PARKS.

Parks	Trees Trimmed	Trees Sprayed	Trees Treated (Tree Surgery)	Street Trees Planted	Dead Trees Removed (Large)	Stomps Removed	Totals
Ault	. 50		5		5	• •	60
Avon Field	. 60		20	• •			80
Burnet Woods	. 25		• • •	••	6		31
College Hill	. 10						10
Deer Creek Common.				30			30
Dempsey		15					15
Eden	. 380	353	250	70	6		1,059
Garfield	. 20	10	3		1		34
Lincoln		150	5		2		235
Lytle	. 5	125					130
Madison	. 15				1		16
Mt. Storm		20	• • •		80		140
Mt. Echo		5			30		235
Owls Nest	. 15			• •	3		18
Short's Woods		• • •	• • •			60	60
Walnut Hills			• • •		2		5
Washington	. 8	178	10		6		202
Wulsin					1	••	4
Totals	. 912	856	293	100	143	<b>6</b> 0	2,364

### FOREST PLANTING, 1914.

### Nursery Planting Spring 1914.

17,500	Bald Cypress
25,000	Tulip PoplarAult Park
1,000	European Ash
5,000	Austrian Pine
5,000	Pitch Pine
5,000	White PineAult Park
1,000	White Pine
5,000	Mugho PineAult Park
15,000	Corsican PineAult Park
5,000	River Birch
3,000	Red Cedar
5,000	Russian Mulberry

<sup>92,500</sup> Total.

### Seed Planting.

Red Bud.
Green Ash.
Crataegus.
Dogwood.
Persimmon.
Red Oak.

### Permanent Planting Spring 1914.

28.775	Bald Cypress	Airy Forest
21,000	Japanese Larch	•
20,800	American Linden	-
5.000	European Linden	-
20.000	White Oak	•
20,000	Tulip Poplar	-
10.000	European Beech	•
10,000	European Beech	=
2,000	Austrian Pine	
3.500	Jack Pine	•
3,000	Red Pine	
15.000	Scotch Pine	
6.200	White Pine	•
5.000	Norway Spruce	-
5.000	Black Oak	•
1.000	American Holly	•
1,000	American Holly	•
22.000	Red Cedar	
5.000	Hemlock	
5.000	Hemlock	•
300	Norway Poplar	
2.000	Carolina Poplar	
10,000	Russian Mulberry	•
1.000	American Sycamore	-
10,000	White Ash	•
1.500	Larch	•
1,200	ButternutMt.	-
2,300	Black Walnut	•
300	Syćamore	•
237,875	Total.	
1	Nursery Planting 92,500	trees
	Permanent Planting	
	Total330,375	trees

### ANNUAL REPORT PARK POLICE 1914.

Cincinnati, December 31, 1914.

Hon. Board of Park Commissioners,

Mr. C. H. Meeds, Park Engineer.

### Gentlemen:

The following is a complete report of the arrests made, charges preferred, sentences received, and all the arrests made by the Park Police during the year 1914. There are, however, several cases of which we have no records, but the total arrests made during the year were 213.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HARTUNG.

Captain of Park Police.

Date	Хате	Charge	Disposition	Remarks	Judge Arresting Officer	Beer
1/8	Carl Morton Viol	ating Automobile Lav		Paid	F. H	
	Paul Johnson	*	*	***	*	
1/8	Wm. R. Howard	,	\$5.00 and Costs		1	
1/8	Frank C. Hohr	1	Costs		3	
1/8	Albert Boltz		***		3	
1/8	Adam Schweitzer	*	***			
2/9	Frank Ulrey	*		***		
6 /2	Frank Brell		\$5.00 and Costs		u	
$\frac{5}{10}$	Stanley Lawson		Costs	***	*	
2.11	Edward T. Lux	A A	\$5.00 and Costs	***	u	
2/13	Wm. E. Case		Costs	***	*	
2/16	Lawrence Blackburn	*	***	***************************************	*	
2/19	E. G. Bernke	4	***			
2/19	Harrison Smith		\$10.00 and Costs		<b>u</b>	
2/19	Ren. Diegle	,	Costs	***	a	
2.21	Sam. E. Sternberger	*	***		3	
2 / 23	Edw. A. Walters	*			A	
2/23	Fred Brandweide	7	31	***	3	
2/26	Edw. Murphy	3 3	3	*	u	
2.38	Edw. A. Walters	3	•			
2 39	Jas. Kreupz		**	*		
5	Walter Geier	3	\$5.00 and Costs			
	Evelyn Hollister	3	***		:::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	
3,4	Irwin Robinson	1	Costs	**	•	
3 .10	Gelin C. Perin	3	*		3	
3.20	N. S. Hill.		\$15.00 and Costs		*	
3 24	Chas. J. Gessing	2 2	Costs			
3.24	John H. Michael	3 3	\$5.00 and Costs		•	
3.26	Eugene Kreimer	4	Costs		•	
3/26	Irwin Bauer	*	\$10.00 and Costs	•	::::	
4, 4	Edward Gebhardt	2 2	Costs	*Bell		
4 , 5	Irwin Puthoff	*	*			

Date	Name	Charge	Disposition	Remarks	Judge	Arresting Officer
8/1	•		Ordered out of town		FoxBurt Williams	.Burt Williams
9 /8	Wm. Houston		.\$10.00 and Costs	.\$10.00 and Coats Served		J. Hartung
8/8	John McMann			**	*	*
8/11	Fannie Harrison *		\$50.00 and Costs		Fricke McNamara	. McNamara
8/11	Anna Fulton		.\$50.00 and Costs		•	J. Hartung and McNamara
8/17	Alice Duey			•	•	Williams
8/27	Albert Konnex	Costs	Costs	SuspendedFox	Fox	. H. Kimmick
8/27	Minnie Mohr		d Cost		•	*
8/27	Francis Siefki		.\$5.00 and Costs	\$5.00 and CostsPaid.	•	*
9/ 7	Dominick McMamee		30 Days and Costs	Served	*A. Beebe	.A. Beebe
9/18	Francis Siefki	•	\$5.00 and Costs	3		
9/12	Mabel Hoefer "		\$5.00 and Costs	*		* .
9/14	Nellie Smith		\$50.00 and Costs	•	*	•
10/10	Casino Bauman *		\$10.00 and Costs	•	Fricke J. McNamara	J. McNamara
11/16	May Hensley		\$50.00 and Costs		•	H. Kimmick
11/12	Frank Helfrick		.\$25.00 and Costs	*	•	
11/4	Mayme Johnson	Costs	Costs	*	•	J. Hartung
10/10	Benj. Shapper		\$50.00 and Costs	***	•	J. Bracken
10/10	Ellen Difenbach		\$5.00 and Costs		•	H. Kimmick
10/10	Anna McLean		.\$5.00 and Costs	*	*	
10/10	Adam Huflinger			*	*	•
10/10	Nellie Smith		.\$5.00 and Costs	***	•	• .
10/27	Minnie Mohr		.\$5.00 and Costs	•	Fox	* .
10/10	Anna Christie				Fricke	* .
3/8	Patrick Curtain Disorderly Conduct \$10.00 and CostaPaid	erly Conduct	.\$10.00 and Costs	Paid	Alexander	J. Hartung
4/26	Patrick Curtain		Costs	CostsServedBell	Bell	* .
5/3	James Lust	•	.15 Days and Costs	•	•	F. Hartung
5/12	John Mahon	•	Costs	Suspended	*	*
6/20	Patrick McFadden "	***	.\$5.00 and Costs	\$5.00 and CostsServed	•	J. Hartung
5/21	Anna Foley	*	10 Days, \$10.00 and Costs			*
2/28	Julius Baker	*	Costs	•	•	3
6/28	Catherine Demont	•	\$10.00 and Costs	*	•	*
2/58	Jennie Smith	•	\$10.00 and Costs	***	•	<b>x</b>

Arresting Officer	J. Hartung	F. Hartung	J. Hartung	I. McNamara	•		•	J. Hartung	•	•	F. Harturg	•	•	•	I. Kimmlek	•	O. Kelley	. Williams	•		larry Gray	•	•	. Hartung	•	larry Gray	Burt Williams	•	. Kelley	. Boebe	J. Hartung	H. Kimmick	Kimmick and Williams
Judge				: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	:	:	•	:	•	•		:	•	Gorman	Fox H	•		B. Williams	:	-	Harry Gray		•	J. Hartung		* Harry Gray			Kelley	A. Boebe	FrickeJ.	•	
Remarks	Served	. 5 Days, Costs remitted .	Served	. Susprinded	•	•	•	Served	•	•		Suspended	•	Open Docket Gorman	Served Fox H. Kimmlek	•	\$5.00 and CostsPaid	Costs		30 Days, \$50.00 and Costs 20 days served, new trial, ball	remitted	Sorved	•		\$5.00 and CostsSuspended		10 Days and Costs Served	•	\$5.00 and CostsPaid	Served			
Disposition	\$10.00 and Custs.	.5 Days, \$5.00 and Costs	\$5.00 and Costs	Costa	\$5.00 and Costs			. 10 Days and Costs .	. 10 Days and Costs		Costs	\$50.00 and Costs	\$50.00 and Costs	Juvenile Court.	\$10.00 and Costs	\$10.00 and Costs			Costs	30 Days, \$50.00 and Costs		\$25.00 and Costs	\$25.00 and Costs	•			10 Days and Costs	10 Days and Costs	\$5.00 and Costs	\$10.00 and Costs Served	\$25.00 and Costs	Diamined	Costs
Charge	Disorderly Conduct		•	*	1		•	:	4		3	3	:	•		,		3	*	•			4	•	•	*	¥	*					•
Мате	:	Garret Jacobs	Chas. Martin	John Olney	Frank Olney.	Edw. Zimmerman	Frank Tuscanieo	Edw. Walch	May McCormick	Kate Kreidel	Wm. Wurdeman	Robert Fields	Mayme Fields	Wm. Doll	Francis Siefki	Mary Gucking	Chas. Morehouse	Philip Solger	Frank Smith	Chas. Miller		Ellen Diefenback	May Hammond	John Johnson	Chas. Baldwin	Floyd Rayburn	Burt Anderson	Geo. Porter	John Dorsey	John King	John Hensley	Wm. Coverdale	Herman Hollardissi
Date	5, 28	5 29	6. 1	<b>7</b> .9	<b>9</b> /9	6, 4	<b>†</b> /9	6/5	6/5	6 16	91 9	6 25	6 25	6, 26	7 23	7.23	7,20	7,25	7/25	7,31		1/31	1/31	8/19	_	8/20	9/14	9/14			10/18	12/2	12/12

Date	Name	Charge	Disposition	Remarks	Judge	Arresting Officer
5/15	Wm. Pinsack Loite	Loitering	CostsSuspendedBell	pendedB		. Hartung
6/16	Harry Deerwater			•		•
5/15	Walter Bush				:	•
5/16	Edward Fuerst		*	•	-	•
6/16	Chas. Hamer		* .			•
6/16	Geo. Fisher			*		•
6/16	John Ritter		*	•		•
6/26	John Woods		•			•
6/26	John Hicks		\$50.00 and CostsSuspended, to leave town	pended, to leave town	Williams	Illiams
97/9	Jacob Martin		.\$50.00 and Costs	*		
2/26	Andrew Delong		.\$25.00 and Costs Served	, ed.		•
6/ 1	Frank Clark			Suspended		•
6/ 1	John Jackson		:	pended, to leave town		*
8/9	Otto Merkel		. Costs			•
8/9	Walter Schroeder			pended behad	'F. Hartung	. Hartung
6/17	Carl Buffer		.\$50.00 and Costs Suspended, to leave town	pended, to leave town		•
6/17	Geo. Bell		.\$50.00 and Costs			•
6/17	Morris Coets					•
6/17	Jos. Newcober		.\$50.00 and Costs			•
6/17	Jos, Thomas		.\$50.00 and Costs			*
6/17	Wm. Bell		.\$50.00 and Costs			•
6/17	Otto Michal		.\$50.00 and Costs	:		
6/17	Walter Schott	•				•
6/17	Walter Welch		\$50.00 and Costs		-	•
8/13	Frank Diamond		\$5.00 and Costs	/ed	≱xo	'Illiams
8/16	Kate Cose		\$25.00 and Costs		fJ. Hartung	Hartung
8/18	August Howkins		Conta		Williams	'illiams
8/16	Andrew Dieterman					•
8/16	Harry Toker		•		Kimmiel	immiek
8/20	Maggie Wilson					Tilliame
8/22	Harry Anderson		\$10.00 and Costs		:	•
8/26	Arthur Grace		\$5.00 and Coets			•
8/26	Erie Siefert		CostsSuspended	pended	Kimmick	immick

Arresting Officer	Kımmick	J. Hartung	•	•	•	•	•		•	Kimmick	Kimmick and Williams	• • :	J. Hartung and McNamara		J. Hartung	Williams	. J. Hartung	. F. Hartung	•		O. Kelly	Williams		Kimmick
Judge	Fricke	•	•	•	•	•	•	_	•	•		:	Fox	:	•	•	Pricke	Alexander	•		Bell	Fricke		•
Remarks	Served	•	:	•	•	•	. Serving	Suspended, ordered out of	town .	Served		. Costs paid, days remitted	. Paid	:	•		Maggie Collins Soliciting \$10.00 and Costs Served Pricke	Lawrence Spahn Crueity to Animals \$25.00 and Costs			Chance	Hanna Miller Common Prostitute Costs		killGrand JuryIgnored
Disposition	\$25.00 and Costs	\$10.00 and Costs	\$10.00 and Costs	\$10.00 and Costs	\$10.00 and Costs	\$10.00 and Costs	\$50.00 and Costs			30 Days and CostsServed.	. 10 Days, \$25.00 and Costs .	10 Days, \$10.00 and Costs Costs paid, days remitted	\$5.00 and CostsPaid	\$5.00 and Costs	Costs	Ordered out of town	\$10.00 and Costs	\$25.00 and Costs	\$25.00 and Costs		Costs	Costs	•	Grand Jury
Charge	Loitering	*	•	•	•	•	•	•		Bud Brown Assault and Battery	*	:	* * *		•	Thos. BuckleyImpersonating an Officer Ordered out of town	.Soliciting	.Cruetty to Animals	Wm. Shaw \$25.00 and Costs	Jas. ToalParticipating in a Game of	Chance	. Common Prostitute	Anna Coverdill Shooting at with intention to	kdill
Name	11.12 Martin McDermott Loitering	Thos. Creek		Pat. Kennedy	Edw. Smith	Albert Griffin	Wm. Stricker	Three cases		Bud Brown	Walter Schroeder	Wm. Dillon.	Clarence Lillis	John Bauman	Herman Wessel	Thos. Buckley	Maggie Collins		Wm. Shaw			Hanna Miller	Anna Coverdill	
Date	11.12	11/26	11/27	11,29	11,29	11 /30	11/6			10,10	12 · 17	12 11	7/18	7/18	77/17	8.10	8 /30	3, 2	3/8	4/12		10/15	12/2	

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ARRESTED THROUGHOUT THE CITY PARKS DURING THE PAST YEAR FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND Albert Edwards Orbi Hamilton WERE ALL PUT ON PROBATION, PENDING THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOUR. Edward Mara Chas. Wuenstein

Eugene Stark Oliver Cranhegan

There have been six (6) arrests made by Park Police during the year for petit larceny of which we have no records. Wm. Jennings

Jos. Zoz Chas. Traner

Wm. Stevens Wm. Traner

Eugene Flower

Wm. Johnson

### PLAYGROUND SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

December 31, 1914.

Hon. Board of Park Commissioners:

Wm. Hodgkinson, Secretary.

### Gentlemen:

The following is a final report of the playground season beginning June 1 and ending September 15, 1914:

### Approximate Attendance.

June	329,627
July	221,051
August	322,267
September	129,995
-	
Total1	,002,938

The above figures give you the approximate attendance of the number of people who made use of the facilities.

Supervised play was conducted on seventeen playgrounds.

Perhaps the most noteworthy event of the playground season was the playground outing at Mt. Echo Park on September 1, 1914. A great object lesson given through the medium of this outing will no doubt leave a lasting impression on the minds of the future citizens of our city.

Safe and Sane Fourth of July celebrations were conducted on all the playgrounds and it was estimated that from fifteen to twenty thousand people took part. The children received ice cream and peanuts. Athletic contests were held and prizes given to the winners. Prominent citizens spoke at the various playgrounds. Not a single accident marred this national holiday.

The lawn fetes given at the different playgrounds were all largely attended and seemed to bring about a co-operative attitude amongst parents and children. The following report will give details regarding the financial results also a list of names of mothers who are acting in the capacity as trustees of the money, and the name of the bank where the money is deposited.

### Mothers' Clubs Deposits at the Banks.

Inwood Park .......\$688.42 Unity Banking & Savings Co., Mrs. Wiebell, Mrs. Betzner.

McKinley...... 267.62 German Western Bank,
Mrs. Perkins, Miss Boescherz.

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1914

### SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

Honorable Board of Park Commissioners,

Wm. Hodgkinson, Secretary.

### Gentlemen:

During the past year we have built five new shelter houses, remodeled one building, built a band stand and comfort station, also a steel storage shed at a cost of about \$100,000.00. All of these buildings, except the storage shed, were started in the spring and practically ready for roof May 1, 1914, when the carpenters went on a strike. This carpenters' strike had all of the other branches almost at a standstill for a period of nearly three months, or from May 1 to July 22. During this period very little work was accomplished.

After the strike was ended all of the contractors resumed operations and finished the buildings with good progress, but not in time to use during the playground season. All the buildings are now completed, the plans and specifications having been complied with in full, except the storage shed, which will require a week of good weather to complete.

The following will give you the general details of the various buildings together with their cost. You will note that all the extras were caused mainly by accepting options provided for in the contract or by bad soil conditions, which were encountered during the excavation and necessitated extra excavation and foundation work.

### Eden Park Music Pavilion.

This building is built almost entirely of concrete and provides not only a band stand, but ample tollet facilities for the public. The cost is as follows:

	ce\$ i		11.00
Cradita	Concrete	•	54.69
	.l Cost		25.69

### Symmes Playground.

This building is a one-story shelter house, built of brick and frame construction and provides dressing rooms and toilets for both sexes. The playground is entirely enclosed with an iron fence and contains one swimming pool.

The cost	t is as follows:
Contract Pri	ce\$ 8,555.00
Extras:	Extra Concrete \$ 53.35
	Option on Brick 42.00
	Moving Iron Fence 404.00—\$ 499.35
Credits:	Omitting Crushed Granite 100.00
	Plumbing 50.00— 150.00— 349.35
	Total Cost\$ 8,904.35

### Lincoln Park.

This building is in reality a two-story shelter house built of brick and frame work on an elaborate plan. It provides a large social room, dressing rooms, toilet facilities for both sexes, tool room, instructor's rooms, store room and a large storage place. The playground contains one swimming pool of ample size.

Would recommend that more toilets be provided in this park for the public and keep the toilets in present new building for children on playground only. The cost is as follows:

Contract Pri	ce\$22,230.00
Extras:	Natural Stone \$ 950.00
	Green Tile 408.00
	Lamp Standards 231.00
	Fixtures 27.20
	Bolts 2.80
	Concrete Footing 162.35—\$1,781.35
Credits:	Plumbing 41.00
	Wood Floor 75.00
	Change in Tablet 7.00
	Crushed Granite 115.00— 238.00— 1,543.35
	Total Cost\$23,773.35

### Washington Park.

This building is a one-story shelter house built of brick and frame work and provides both dressing rooms and toilets for both sexes, as well as comfortable social room. The playground contains two pools. The cost is as follows:

Contract Pri	ce\$16,355.00
Extras:	Extra Concrete Work\$ 112.40
	Cut Stone and Brick 78.50
	Cesspool, extra 10.00
	Fixtures 122.16—\$ 323.06
Credits:	Changing Gutter 117.00— 206.06
	Total Cost\$16,561.06

### Grant Playground.

This building is a two-story shelter house built entirely of brick and concrete. It provides a large social room, dressing rooms and tollets for both sexes. There is a band stand and open pavilion on the second floor. The playground is not enclosed, neither does it contain a swimming pool, both of which I recommend being done next year. The cost is as follows:

Contract Pri	ce\$19,437.00
Extras:	Bronze Tablet\$ 10.00
	Electric Work 9.03
	Plumbing Work 66.87
	Extra Excavation 200.79
	Extra Stone Work 402.00—\$ 688.69
Credits:	Hardware 3.25
	Brick 87.50— 90.75— 597.84
	Total Cost\$20,034.84

### Inwood Park.

This building was remodeled and practically a two-story shelter house is the result. It provides a large social room, dressing and toilet rooms for both sexes, with an open pavilion on the second floor. The cost of remodeling is as follows:

Contract Price	\$1	1,900.00
Extras:\$	149.57	
Less Credits	47.65—	101.92

Total Cost ......\$12,001.92

Extras on this building were caused mainly by necessary unforseen changes, that come up during most alterations.

### Hulbert Playground.

This building is simply a one-story galvanized shed on a wood frame and provides one toilet for each sex, together with a shelter room. The cost of building, including plumbing, painting and installation of piers was \$369.87.

### Storage Shed.

This building is 35 feet by 70 feet and one and one-half stories high. Built entirely of galvanized iron on a steel frame. The cost is as follows:

Contract Price ......\$2,186.0

### Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. HOEFER.

Supt. of Bldg. Construction.

Disbursements.

Receipts.

	Financ	rial Statement	41
Appropriations:	Administration and Maintenance	Total	Total \$ 4,977.06
Appropriations:	Taxes       \$154,584.97         Refunders       356.32         Miscellaneous Revenue       1,742.91         Rents, etc.       1,307.45         Total       \$157,991.65	Bond Funds:       \$593,257.12         Balance, January 1, 1914.       \$6.25         Total       \$593.313.37         Frust Funds:       \$417.06         Groesbeck Endowment       1,944.00         Mr. Julius and Mrs. Chas. Fleischmann       2,616.00	Total \$ 4,977.06

### MOVING PICTURE SHOWS GIVEN DURING YEAR 1914.

Lytle Park		shows	0	\$9.50-\$	142.50
Turkey Ridge P	layground	shows	0	9.50-	76.00

23 shows

\$ 218.50

### CONCERTS GIVEN DURING YEAR 1914.

Schmidlapp Fund (Concerts paid for by Trustees), 18 Concerts at Eden Park and 8 at various parks and playgrounds.

Groesbeck Endowment Fund, 13 Concerts at Burnet Woods..\$2,000.00 Fleischmann Fund, 21 Concerts at down-town parks and play-

grounds ...... 2,285.00

\$4,285.00

### PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING YEAR 1914.

### Addition to Ault Park.

671.573 acres

### SUMMARIZED ANNUAL STATEMENT OF PARK PROPERTIES.

	Area in		Cost of	
	Acres	Cost of land	Improvement	Total Cost
Park land owned by				
city Dec. 31, 1903	395.35	\$2,584,833.49		\$2,584,833.49
Added during 1904	10.36	64,700.24		64,700.24
Added during 1905	31.865	636,281.89	\$ 33,707.42	669,989.31
Added during 1906	19.492	105,212.14	8,670.14	113,882.28
Added during 1907	12.20	103,333.02	13,506.58	116,839.60
Added during 1908	16.146	256,372.12	84,784.47	341,156.59
Added during 1909	· 72.872	86,651,60	128,997.87	215,649.47
Added during 1910	9.739	45,987.06	85,473.39	131,460.45
Added during 1911	715.371	544,967.39	100,612.03	645,579.42
Added during 1912	412.812	176,202.44	192,480.50	368,682.94
Added during 1913	307.054	120,691.46	78,643.93	199,335.39
Added during 1914	<b>3</b> 97.603	157,797.52	185,417.28	343,214.80

PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO DECEMBER 31st, 1914

NAME AND LOCATION	Acerage	Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1914	REMARKS
Auburn Place—Mt. Auburn	08.	190£	\$ 21,640.17	\$ 63.65		
Ault Park—Mt Lookout	205.003	1914		5,393.34	5,393.34	Donation of Mr. and Mrs.
Avon Field — 18 H. G. C. Bearling	114	1161	82.928,36		1,969.05	L. A. Auft.
Bishop and Jefferson Triangle—Clifton Bloody Run Parkway—Sec. 2—1 B. D Wahnt Hils and Avondale	114.813	1911	3,516.35		88,441.32	Donations: Mrs. E. H.
	-					J. J. Hooker. 1.628. Mrs. F. S. Rowe. 304. St. Xavier's College.
Blue Rock Oval	.22	1912		675.92	:	3.42; Taylor Realty Co., 2.625. Transferred by Act of
Bold Face Creek P. G. B.	2.663	1914	4,364.02			Council.
Suxua and Deim; Sedamaville Burnet Woods Park—Ciliton P. G.—B. D.—9 H. G. C.	169.953	1881	925,633,63	86,169.41	86,169.41	Land leased from 1872 to 1881. Purchased in
Caldwell Park	88	1914		3.63		1881. Donated by Mr. J. Nelson
Coulege Hill Park—1 T. C1 B. D.	4.75	1911		408.74	:	Caldwell. Acquired by annexation.
Dear Creek Common—6 B. D.	13.133	1905	262,251.42	44,385.61	44,385.61	
Dempsey Park—1 B. D.	9	1907	17,393.62	22,731.79	22,731.79	
East End Common—2 B D Factor Ave and Terrance Bood	7.50	1904	36,555.42	2,264.69	2,264.69	•
Eden Park—3 T. C.	214.45	1908	1,712,252.71	218,767.84	218,767.84	Part of land leased from
						chased from 1859 to 1908.

NAME AND LOCATION	Acerage	Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Cost of Maintenance Year 1914	REMARKS
Evanston Ballgrounds-1 B. D2 T. C.	5.25	1161	18,032.28	2.107.24		
Languou Ave. Fembank Parks Thorn Place Triangle Shorts Woods, 2 T.C. 9 H.G.C.21 75 Stuart Park — 1 B. D. 14	37	1913	3,540.00	49.55		Acquired by annexation. Stuart Park, 14 acre. leased from Big Four. Shorta Woods, leased. Donated, Gaff Estate.
Chestnut Ridge 24 "Filson Outlook—P. G	1.996	1909	25,498.76	21,206.75		1.75.
Young and Kinggold Sts. Garfield Park—Eighth St	-	1868		1,513.44		Donated by Meers. J. H. and B. Platt. April 9.
Grant Playground	.65	1161	45,050.39	25,719.61		1817. Dedicated, 1860
Menna Playground	-	1909		5, 593.33		Donation of Miss Mary
Merrison Playground	. 968	1914	46,679.37	7		nanna.
Schwell Over artwell Over Hopkins Park	1.02	1912	20.00	6,654.93		Acquired by annexation. Donation of Mr. L. C.
Auburn Ave, and Dorchester St. Rulbert Playground	. 596	1161	:	3,779.22		Donation of Mrs. M. H
Freeman and Hulbert.  Hyde Park Fountain—Eric Ave Inwood Park—P. G.—I B. D	23.564	1910	129,329.22	110,955.31		Perin (Miss Hulbert). Acquired by annexation
Kenned Fleights Park Kroger Hills	82.11	1914		97.71		Acquired by annexation. Donated by Mr. B. H.
Terrace Park, Ohio. Lick Run Ballgrounds—2 B. D.	. 4.25	11811	14,811.00	0 646.36		Kroger.
Queen City and Shadwell Sts. Ulncoln Park—P. G. Freeman Ave. and Hopkins St.	10	1958	:	41,091.32		Acquired through ex- changes of land in 1834 and 1837 Dedicated
	7.431	1908 1910	67.021.79	17,807.94		Acquired by annexation
Ludlow Field—2 B. D.—.  Ludlow Field—2 B. D.—.  Violent Aven Violent	2.488	1914	1,238.72	3.47	:	

# PARK PROPERTIES OF THE CITY OF CINCINNATITO DECEMBER 31st. 1914—Continued

Cost of Maintenance Year 1914		Acquired through annexa-	acres: bought 1.576 acre. Acquired by annexation.	•	Transferred by Act of	Council	Donation of Mr. A. D.	MINCHEIL.	Leased Kittredge Farm, 95 a.; Widow's Home	J. N. Gamble Donation,	4.00 act cs.	979.47 319.89 090.19	Donation of Messrs. C. E.	Tra	Council.  Donation of Mr. and Mrs.	John W. Feck.		Transferred by Act of
Cost of Improvement	23,471.07	1,740.08				21,694.47	9.00	2,262.65	. 0,349.29		37,048.84	ro,	3,015.68	3,482.28		546.47	1,052.54	732.34
First Cost	242,922.31	9,295.00				50,694.39		22,859.45	108,001.92		74.640,46	117,310.45	* 550.83	46,940.50	*10.42	9,823.96	2,662.76	
Date of Acquisition	1905	1903	1912		1910	1905	1911	1911	1914		1908	1911 1912 1909	1905	1911	1912	1913	1913	1910
Acreage	1.36	4.442	02.		2.053	1.21	.20	. 641	943.698		50.85	66.85 .448 23.29	5.80	31.50	. 527	8.63	7.32	.072
NAME AND LOCATION	Lytle Park—P.G.	4th and Lawrence Sts. Madison Park—1 T. C	:	: : :	sts.—Price Hil	McKinley Park-P. G	John, wade, Cutter and Bauer Sts. Mitchell Triangle	Reading Koad and Kose Hill Ave. Mohawk Playground	Central Ave. west of Monawk. Mt. Airy Forest—18 G. C.—Tree Nursery Colerain Ave. and West Fork Road.		Mt. Echo Park-1 B. D2 T. C	Elleon Ave. Mr. Storm Park.—Lafayette and Ludlow Ave. North Fairmount Playground.—Caril St. Nirsery.—(Leased) Muddy Creek Pike and Anderson Perry.	Owls Nest Park—P. G.	Anathson Koad. Parker's Woods—Bruce Ave., Northside Pearl St. Playground	Pearl, bet. Elm and Plum Sts.	Pleasant Ridge—1 B. D.—2 T. C.	Weirare Fark. Riverside Field—2 B. D.—*1.	Liston and Olive Aves. Rochelle and Falke Sts

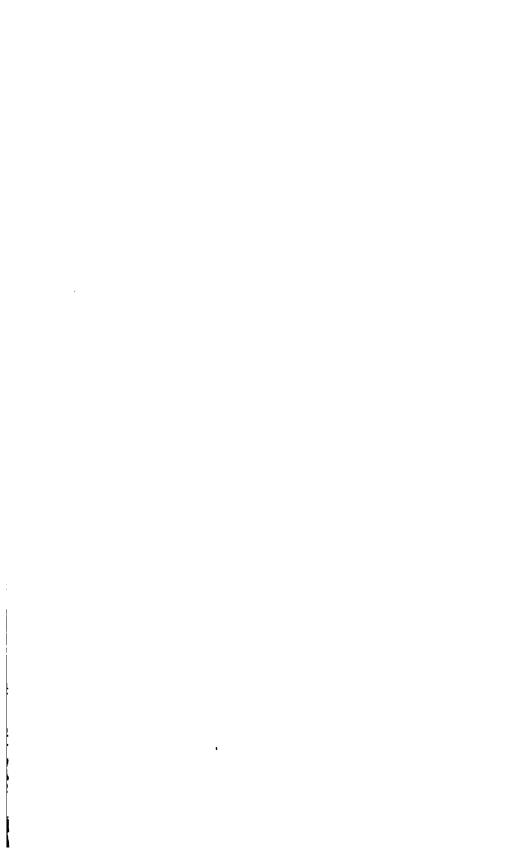
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	Acresse	Date of Acquisition	First Cost	Cost of Improvement	Maintenance Year 1914	REMARKS
2 06 acres 16 28	18.712	1913	3,120.00	460.54		Donated by Mr. Milton Sayler, 2.85 acree. Ac- quired by annexation. 3.642 acree: bought
Schuetzenbuckel Park-2 B. D1	61	1912	•330.48	900.14	:	Donetion of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hauck and Mr.
Sinton Park—P_G	2.33	1908	255,865.47	60.688.09		
and Mound Sta.	.475	1161	13,260.11	10,847.36		
Western and McLean Aves. Taft Field—3 B. D—*1 Bates Ave. (Camp Washington).	13.524	. 1911	4,826.71	11,313.78	:	C. P. Taft, 8.50 acres:
Sts.—1 B. D	1.5	11011				Transferred by Act of
Turkey Ridge Playground—2 B. D. S. of Eastern Ave., bet. Stanley and	13.004	1914	43,549.23	2,044.77	:	Donated by Mr. Wm. Worthington, 47 acre.
Ohio River	1.216	1161	10,705.57	933.96		
Sta. Aves.—Jr. B. D	1.157	1910		627.80	:	Transferred by Act of
	5.6	1853	138,050.00	39,280.24	:	-
im Sts.	2.23	1913	11 705.00	622.01		
Edgewood Ave. and Elmore St. Westwood Common—5 B. D.—"2	21.27	1161	16,015.00	10,793.73		
	.75	1161		124.39		Acquired by annexation.
Grounds ground Town Hall. Wilson Common. Jr. B. D. East of Grand Ave. (Price Hill).	8. 43	1914	1,141.06	118.14		Donated by Mrs. M. C. Wilson, 8.395 acres. Purchased fills acre.
Woodward Park—P. G. Foot of Rockdale Ave.	11.260	1908	3,015.00	25,454.48		Donated by Mr. and Mrn. J. O. Noyes, 10.7 seres:
servatory Boads.	1.168	1910	5,114.71	18.000 St	•	THE REAL PROPERTY.
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